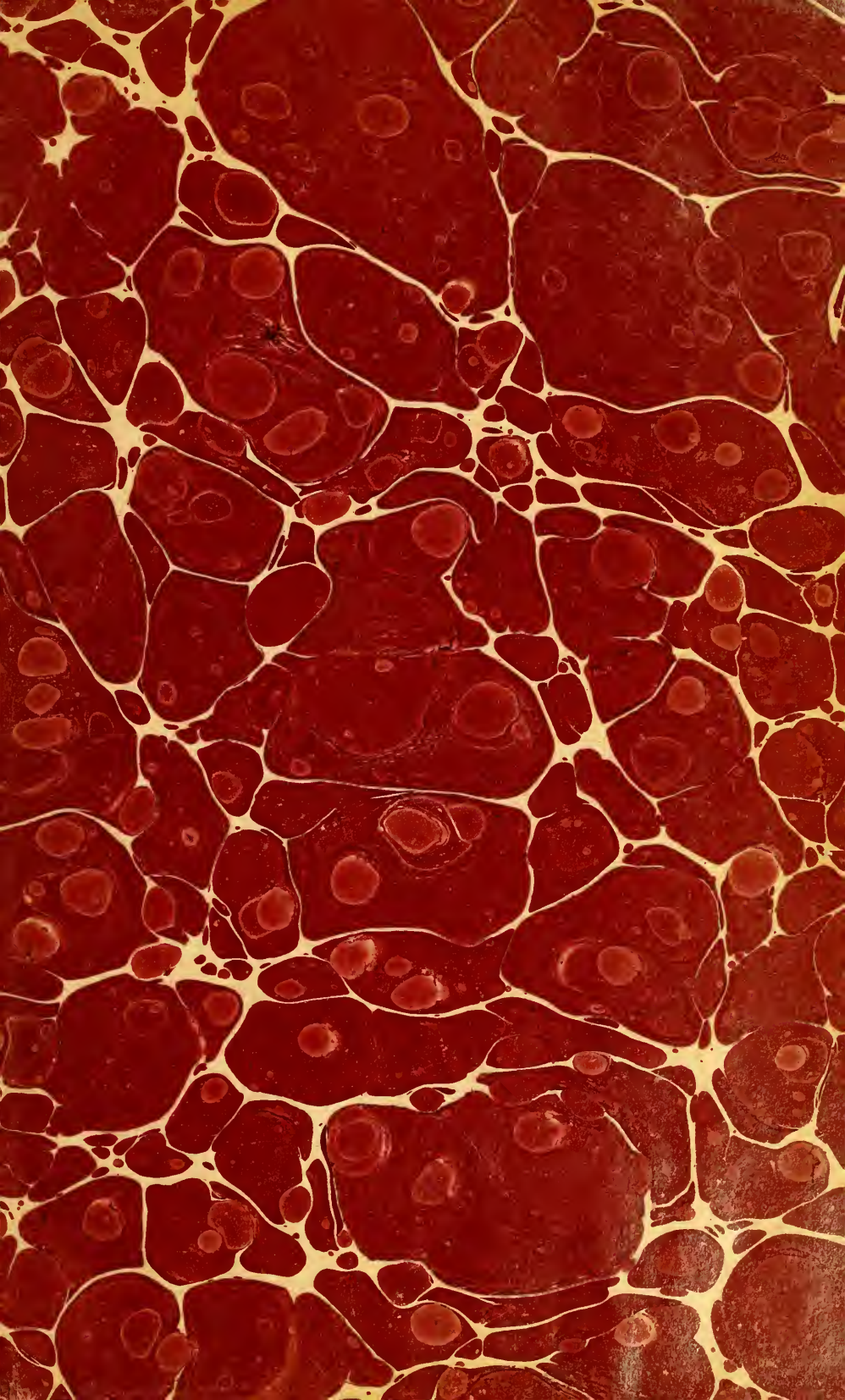






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ANNALS
OF
SHARON, MASSACHUSETTS,
BY
JEREMIAH GOULD,
1830.

Mr. Gould was a resident of Sharon, and wrote the Annals in the year 1830 for delivery before the Lyceum then organized there. He afterwards removed to the West and settled in Rochester, Indiana. The Annals are now for the first time printed, a copy being used for the purpose which was sent in 1861 to friends in Sharon by the author's son, Vernon Gould, M. D., of Rochester.

TOPOGRAPHICAL DESCRIPTION, &c.

SHARON, situated in the county of Norfolk, is ten miles from Dedham, the county seat, and eighteen miles from Boston, the capital of the state.

It is bounded on the north by Dedham and Canton, on the east by Stoughton, on the southeast and south by Easton and Mansfield (from which it is divided by the "Old Colony Line") and Foxborough, and on the west by Walpole.

The surface is generally rough and hilly, affording excellent grass lands. The southwestern portion, more level, with a light loamy soil is better suited for tillage.

The more remarkable hills are Rattle Snake hill on the east, and Moose hill on the west—the latter being the highest point of land [except the Blue Hills] be-

tween the waters of Massachusetts and Narraganset bays.

Directly between these hills lies Massapoag pond, a large collection of water covering about [460] acres; and south of Moose hill lies Wolomolopoag pond, or Billings pond, covering about 30 acres. This pond is very deep, having neither inlet or outlet perceivable.

The principal brooks are Massapoag brook which runs out of the northeast end of Massapoag pond and thence in a northerly direction about three miles to Canton line, watering in its course a rich meadow bottom. Hobbs brook rises east of Moose hill and runs in a southerly direction about three quarters of a mile, then falls into a meadow bottom where it receives a number of small rills and turns its course northwardly, running through a rich bottom till it unites with Massapoag brook near Canton line, and forms the principal stream of the east branch of Neponset river. Taphole brook rises west of Moose hill and runs in a northerly direction three or four miles, and falls into the west branch of Neponset river, forming the line between Dedham and Sharon for a considerable distance in the latter part of its course.

Two or three considerable brooks rise in the southerly part of the town, and run south and finally find their outlet in Narraganset bay. The town is generally well watered and contains much excellent land.

MINERALS.

The town abounds in rich iron ore of the kind called bog ore, a variety of which known as shot ore is collected from Massapoag pond which is very rich, but the iron is rather too hard and brittle for many purposes.

A hill about three fourths of a mile north of the village contains almost an inexhaustible quantity of ore,

thought to contain silver, but no professed mineralogist has to my knowledge ever examined it.

MAILS AND POST OFFICES.

A mail is carried over the road which bounds the town on the east, every day, which is opened at the office situated at the northeast corner of the town (Cobb's); and a cross mail is carried once a week through the middle of the town and opened at the Centre office. The population of the town: in 1810 there were 1000 inhabitants; in 1820, 1010; and in 1830 there were 1024.

CIVIL HISTORY.

The town of Dorchester originally included Milton, Canton, Stoughton, Sharon, Foxborough and a part of Dedham.

A part of Foxborough was once set off to Wrentham, but was set back again when that town was incorporated in 1778.

All that part of Dorchester south of Blue Hill, or, in the language of the records, "beyond the Blue Hills," was incorporated about 1700—into a town in 1726, or precinct about 1707—which was called Stoughton, from Mr. William Stoughton, one of the Dorchester Company, who was the lieutenant governor appointed by the crown under the charter of William and Mary.

The first precinct, or parish, in Stoughton was that part of the town now called Canton. What is now Stoughton was the third parish.

Sharon including a part of Foxborough was the second parish or precinct, and the first settlement was commenced about the time of the incorporation of Stoughton precinct, near Wolomolopoag, or Billings pond, as it has since been called from the first settlers.

The first house was built on the spot where Mr.

Enoch Talbot's house now stands, and was for many years a noted tavern.

The Roe Buck tavern was another noted stopping place built soon after the Billings tavern on the spot where Simon Gould lives, near the Dedham line.

The old post road from Boston to Providence ran by the Roe Buck, over High Plain, west of Moose hill, then turning to the left passed by the Billings tavern, and thence through Attleborough. Over this road the mail was carried on horseback once a week. There were no post offices between these places, and the mail carrier was not confined to any particular route.

It appears not to have been more than twenty or thirty years from the first settlement before the town became generally settled. In 1740 the inhabitants began to build a meeting house on "Pole Plain," as it was then called, near the site of the present house of the First Congregational Parish.

In June of the same year a petition was presented to the Council praying that the westerly part of Stoughton might be erected into a separate town or precinct. July 2nd an order was sent down from the Council to the House of Representatives, and concurred in by them, for erecting a precinct agreeably to the prayer of the petitioners, and approved by Gov. Belcher the same day.

July 18 the first precinct meeting was held for the choice of officers.

August 6. "Voted that the precinct will support preaching in the meeting house where it now stands," and "That a tax of £100 be granted to support the same and other charges."

It seems that the location of the meeting house was not satisfactory to all, for the subject was agitated in a precinct meeting December 17th when it was "Voted to confirme the meeting house for the public worship of God where it now stands."

A committee was chosen to petition the Dorchester Proprietors for the use of the ministerial meadow for the use of the ministry in this parish.

In consequence of this petition, the Proprietors gave the meadow which is now held by the First Parish for the use of the minister of the parish. The committee was empowered "to commence suit in law upon any person or persons who shall trespass on said meadow or improve it to any other purpose than the use of the ministry in this precinct, and to meet a committee that shall be chosen in the First Precinct (if they shall seek therefor) and propose terms of agreement and report at an adjourned meeting."

At an adjourned meeting August 2nd the committee made a report which was accepted, in substance as follows—That the meadow shall be divided between the first and second precincts in proportion (exclusive of Indian lands) to the quantity of land in each precinct. An agent was chosen on the part of the precinct to measure the quantity of land in each precinct, and a committee to divide the meadow according to the report.

The committee chosen June 28 procured a vote of the Proprietors to explain their intention in the donation of the meadow, from which it appears to have been the intention that it should be for the use of the ministry in the second precinct only.

August 8th 1744, the district "vote that in consequence of the explanatory vote of the Proprietors concerning the meadow at Renolds' Misery meadow, the former proceedings were illegal and null." "Voted to give Rev. Mr. Curtis the production of the meadow."

The first report of the state of the treasury was read March 12, 1744, when it appeared that the treasurer had only received £105, 6s., and this was almost four years after the incorporation of the precinct.

At the same meeting, "Voted to allow the clerk

40s., old tenor, for his services up to the 24th of March 1744"—less than a quarter of a dollar a year!

August 8, 1744, "Voted to get Rev. Mr. Curtis his firewood, and an offer was made to get it for £14, old tenor, and accepted." It is not probable he consumed less than 20 cords per year, which cost only about 33 cents per cord delivered. The average cost of wood for the last fifteen years has been three and one half dollars, showing an advance of almost one thousand per cent in the article of wood in about seventy years.

October 15. The precinct was divided into three school districts; and voted to divide the school money according to the proportion of the province tax; and this has been the practice generally since, and is probably the most expedient and equitable method that can be adopted.

September 1750, was made the first grant that was computed in lawful money, the computation before being in old tenor.

The new style was adopted in September 1752.

The precinct continued to increase in wealth and population, and in 1765 the inhabitants became ambitious of having the precinct erected into a town.

March 20, "Voted to have an article inserted in the next town meeting warrant, to see if the town will set off the second parish to be a distinct town."

The consent of the town having been obtained, a committee was chosen May 28, "to solicit the Great and General Court of this province to see if said Court will set off the second precinct to be a distinct township or district, as said Court shall order."

In June following, an act passed the Council and House of Representatives to incorporate the second precinct in the town of Stoughton into a district by the name of Stoughtonham, which was approved by Gov. Bernard June 21, 1765.

This act provided that the district should be vested

with all the powers and privileges of a town, "excepting only the privilege of sending a representative to the General Court;" and that the district might join with the town of Stoughton in the choice of representative to the Assembly, who might be chosen indifferently from the town or district. It further enacted that the town of Stoughton shall pay to said district of Stoughtonham, yearly and every year, their proportionable part of the income of all the money that is appropriated to the use of schools in Stoughton, and also the proportionable part of said Stoughton's part of the incomes of two farms that were appropriated by the Dorchester Proprietors for the use of schools in Stoughton; one of which is now annexed to the town of Dedham and commonly called White's farm: the other is now annexed to the town of Wrentham and commonly called the Hewes farm. The first district meeting was held July 8, 1765.

The inquiry has often been made, how the school farms given by the Dorchester Proprietors should be without the limits of their grants. In Worthington's History of Dedham, he says, in 1728, "the town vote that if some inhabitants in Stoughton will unite with those in the south part of the town in a petition to be made a parish, it will consent thereto." In 1730 the second parish is incorporated. This is two years before the incorporation of the second precinct in Dedham. The White farm was situated a little within the limits of the second parish in Dedham, and the words of the statute, "is now annexed" &c. seem to imply that it was formerly a part of Stoughton; and it appears probable that this was annexed to Dedham in consequence of the petition of some inhabitants of Stoughton and the south part of Dedham "to be made a parish."

The Hewes farm was hardly within the limits of the present town of Wrentham. A part of Dorchester had been set off to the town of Wrentham before the

town of Stoughton was incorporated, and a portion of this territory was set back again when Foxborough was incorporated in 1778.

October 13, 1766. The inhabitants chose an agent to treat with the owners of mill dams across the Neponset river, about making a way for the fish to pass up and down.

For a great many years after the settlement of the town, the alewives and shad used to pass up into Massapoag pond in such plenty that, in the season of running, a horse driven through the brook would kill numbers of them by striking them with his feet.

When dams were erected across the streams, the people complained loudly that their natural rights were infringed. The legislature passed several laws for the protection of the fishery, and for years great exertions were made to procure a free passage for the fish. But as the mills increased, the difficulties became so great that the people gave up the contest, and for years no alewives have been seen.

March, 1768. An agent was chosen "to join with agents from Dorchester and Stoughton in defending the title to the school farm near Bridgewater lately sold by said towns." This farm was given, I believe, for the use of the school in ancient Dorchester; but no part of the product of the sale was ever received by Sharon or Stoughtonham, nor can I discover the result of the suit concerning the title.

The first record of perambulation of lines between towns was May 1768 between Dedham and Stoughtonham; beginning at the Walpole line near the northerly branch of Taphole brook, and following said brook to Stoughton (now Canton) line. This line included considerable land which two years later was annexed to Dedham.

September 21, 1768. Sundry votes of the town of Boston and a letter from the selectmen of Boston pro-

posing a convention to be held in Faneuil Hall September 22 were read, and a delegate [Job Swift] chosen.

February 23, 1773. After the reading of a circular from the Boston Committee of correspondence, the following votes were passed,—

“That under God through our forefathers we have enjoyed invaluable liberties and privileges, civil and religious; and when we consider the worth of them and how dear it cost our forefathers to purchase these for themselves and for their posterity, we cannot but esteem them highly, nor wonder to see the people alarmed when they behold their liberties and privileges threatened and invaded.

“That from what we have heard and seen, we cannot but think that some of our liberties and privileges have been taken from us, and others threatened, and that it is an alarming crisis with us, and we have a loud call in Providence to us, to imitate the prudent man who ‘foresees the evil and hides himself.’

“That since we are bid to look to ourselves, not only in spiritual but temporal respects, we look upon it our duty, and it shall be our practice to use all constitutional measures to remove the burdens we feel, and prevent those we fear respecting our civil and religious affairs and concerns.

“That our thanks are due to the Town of Boston for espying of our danger and giving us warning, like faithful watchmen.

“That our Deputy use his utmost interest and influence in Court, in a constitutional way and manner, to recover what liberties and privileges have been taken from us, and secure what remains; and that our clerk inform him of this.

“That we own King George the Third to be our rightful Lord and Sovereign, and promise allegiance to him; but the same time deny the parliamentary power

of taxing us, being without the realm of England and not represented there.

"That a copy of these votes be inclosed in a letter and sent to the committee of correspondence in Boston by our clerk."

These votes breathe the spirit of the times, and show how well the people understood their rights.

June 30, 1773. A committee was chosen to join a committee from Stoughton to petition the General Court for leave to sell the ministerial lot on Cow hill. This lot called for 75 acres and was granted by the Dorchester Proprietors February 11, 1746 for the use of the Congregational ministers (beyond the Blue Hill) in equal proportions.

March 1, 1774. An act passed giving leave for the sale of the lot, but owing to the troubles of the times, it was not sold till January 29, 1776, when it was sold for 38 shillings per acre; and upon the measurement it proved to contain 104 acres, and the proceeds amounting to £194, 12s. were lodged with the treasurer of Stoughton.

Nothing more is heard of this fund till September 12, 1793, when a committee chosen for the purpose reported that the treasurer of Stoughton had received the principal and interest of this fund and paid it out without order, and it could not be ascertained to whom.

March 3rd of the year [1794] the town voted to bring an action against the town of Stoughton for this fund, if the ministers for whom it was given would pay half of the expense.

1773. A number of inhabitants of the southwest part of the district petition to be set off as a separate town or district.

March, 1774. A committee chosen to join a committee of Stoughton to enquire of the treasurer or committee of Dorchester after our part of the incomes of the school farms, reported that they examined the matter,

and find said incomes and rents had been expended in carrying on a law suit with the Hewes, and that there was due to this district and Stoughton about £3.

August 29, 1774. The district vote unanimously not to comply with the late acts of Parliament. Voted to send a delegate to the convention for Suffolk at Dedham, to deliberate and determine upon all such matters as the distressed circumstances of this Province may require. Also voted to allow the district's proportion of the charge of the Congress at Philadelphia.

September 19. Agreeably to the recommendations of the convention, the district appointed a committee of correspondence, with power to appoint one or more persons to meet with persons appointed by other towns, or the Province convention, if they deem necessary or needful.

January 2, 1775. Chose Mr. [Job] Swift delegate to meet with the Provincial Congress at Cambridge.

Voted strictly to adhere to the Resolves of the American Congress.

Chose a committee of safety to see that the inhabitants adhered strictly to the resolves of the American Congress; that the money be collected and paid when it shall be most for the public good, to suppress discords, outrages, disturbances, &c.

Voted to indemnify the assessors for not making returns to H. Grey, Esq., the province treasurer, and the collector for not paying the money, except they have orders from the Provincial Congress or House of Representatives.

February 3. Voted to enlist about one quarter of the muster list for minute men till the first day of December. The minute men to exercise two half-days in a week, and receive one shilling each per half-day. Thirty minute men were enlisted which would give 120 as the number of militia in the district.

March 13. Voted to give the minute men ten shil-

lings each towards equipping themselves with bayonets and boxes.

In March chose a committee to divide the school bonds with the town of Stoughton.

Voted that the province tax be paid to Henry Gardner of Stow.

The last district meeting was held December 4, 1775, and in the winter of 1776 the district was erected into a town.

March 11, 1776. Voted that the selectmen shall petition to have the name of the town altered to Washington, in honor of George Washington. This petition was not granted.

May 20. Voted that if the Honorable Congress shall for the safety of the colonies declare them independent of the Kingdom of Great Britain, the inhabitants of this town will pledge their lives and fortunes to support them in that measure. And voted to choose a committee to give instructions to the representative respecting the above vote.

1777. Twenty five soldiers were hired for the U. S. service with a bounty of £17, for three years or during the war. The bounty was afterwards increased to £13, 6s. 8d. annually.

February, 1778. The representative was instructed to vote for the confederation of the states under the old constitution.

March, 1778. The town voted to set off the inhabitants of the southwest part of the town, provided they pay their proportional part of the town charges until they be incorporated by the General Court. In June following the town of Foxborough was incorporated.

May 18. The committee to divide the school bonds report in substance as follows, which was accepted, to wit, that the town of Stoughton should retain £305, 19s. 10d. for their part of the fund, and that Stoughtonham should receive £148, 2s. 6d. for their part of the

fund. The town of Stoughton to be discharged from all claims for money &c. arising from the sale of the school lot near Braintree and the Hewes farm in Wrentham.

Voted that this sum, equal to \$460.41, shall be kept as a fund, and the interest only expended for the use of schools in Stoughtonham. The town still held its part of the White farm in Dedham undivided.

At the same meeting voted unanimously (77 persons present) to disapprove of the constitution and form of government of Massachusetts Bay.

In 1779 a new levy of soldiers was required, but owing to the depression of the currency and other distresses, it was very difficult to enlist the quota of men.

At meeting August 4, the town offered a bounty of \$15.00 per man for nine months, the town also becoming chargeable with the maintenance of their families while they were in the service; and committees were chosen from time to time to buy and distribute grain and other provisions for the soldiers' families.

Lieutenant Royal Kollock was chosen a delegate from this town to the convention, to be held at Cambridge, September 1, to form a new state constitution.

Attempts were made at this time to fix the prices of merchandise and country produce, in order to prevent the evil effects of the depreciation of the currency. A convention was held in Concord in October to effect these objects, but this town voted not to send a delegate.

March 27, 1780. The committee chosen in November to settle the affairs with Foxborough report an agreement of a division line, and that the interests of the towns be separate from September 1, 1778. That Foxborough pay one seventh of the town expense to that time, and receive one seventh of the ammunition and school money.

May 27. A committee previously chosen to consult on the constitution and declaration of rights re-

ported that they had carefully consulted both. That in the declaration of rights they found nothing material against which to object. That the form of government was well formed; but in the details they objected to several sections, and in particular that it did not provide for the holding of probate courts and establishing a registry of deeds in each town. This has been a favorite theme of complaint with the inhabitants of this town, from its first incorporation to nearly the present time.

October, 1780. The currency had so much depreciated that it was found necessary to grant a tax of £100,000 to defray the town expenses.

In December, 1781, it was voted to take one hard dollar for taxes in lieu of \$150 of paper.

I will digress here to pay a just tribute to the memory of Mr. Benjamin Gannett, a wealthy farmer, whose liberality and zeal in the cause of liberty was unparalleled in this town. Whenever an order was received for beef or clothing for the army, Mr. Gannett was always foremost in procuring it. Many times he bought cattle, killed them, and furnished the quantity of beef required; and when the money was raised and paid him, it would hardly reimburse the tenth part of the cost. He usually raised an abundance of grain, but so liberal was he of it, that scarcely a year passed during the war but he would be obliged to buy for his own family before the end of the season.

1783. The name of the town was changed to Sharon.

June, 1784. Chose a committee to view the school farm, and see whether it is best to sell it. This committee reported that it would not be for the interest of the town to sell.

1787. A new meeting house was erected. In 1790 a committee was chosen to sell the school farm in Dedham.

In the summer of 1790 the Dorchester Proprietors

held a meeting and had a settlement of all their concerns. This was the last meeting the Proprietors have ever held. Those who lived in Sharon gave their share of the dividend for the purpose of buying a bell. December 13. The town vote to accept the generous donation of the Dorchester Proprietors.

1799. The town settled the Rev. Mr. Whitaker in the ministry as successor to Rev. Mr. Curtis.

From this period the public acts are mostly identified with the great political parties of the times, and I shall close this article with a few brief notices.

1809. A number of soldiers having been detached for the U. S. service, the town vote to make up their pay, \$12 per month, if called into active service.

1812. A similar vote was passed. In 1814 the town vote \$8 per month to those soldiers who were drafted, in addition to their regular pay.

1820. The question of the expediency of sending delegates to the convention for amending the constitution was carried in the affirmative with great unanimity, and the amendment caused little division in the minds of the inhabitants.

1822. The parish obtained an order from the Legislature for choosing officers, and since then the town and parish have been distinct organizations.

ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY.

The people of this town had no sooner become sufficiently numerous to form a parish, than they erected a house and began to cast about for a minister. Providence sent them the Rev. Philip Curtis of Roxbury, who was settled in December 1741.

Mr. Curtis was a graduate of Harvard University, a man of respectable abilities, but of severe temper. If we may judge from his manuscript sermons, he was an Arminian in principle—more in favor of practical religion than speculative doctrines.

In the course of a very long ministry, he was invariably respected by his parishioners; and when in 1797 he became so feeble and infirm that he could not supply the pulpit, they voted him his full salary for the year, in the course of which he resigned the ministry, having been the faithful pastor of his people for near fifty-six years.

December, 1798. The Rev. Jonathan Whitaker was invited to settle and accepted the invitation and was ordained February 17, 1799. He also was a graduate of Harvard University. His talents were of a high order, and his literary acquirements were very considerable, to say the least. In his principles he was liberal, harmonizing with those who have since been styled Unitarians.

Mr. Whitaker was a high minded man, though of an irritable disposition, but possessing withal many amiable traits of character. He was for a number of years after his settlement extremely popular with the people, not only of this, but of the neighboring towns. But having some difficulty with individuals, chiefly on account of political opinions, and being constitutionally imprudent and free in his remarks, a considerable opposition was at length raised against him.

In October, 1815, the town chose a committee to treat with Mr. Whitaker and see upon what consideration he would resign the ministry. Mr. Whitaker refused to treat with them till officially informed that a majority of the people had a disrespect for him. Whereupon the town immediately voted to discontinue him in the ministry. This measure, however, was premature and ineffectual.

Mr. Whitaker afterwards proposed calling a council to settle the difficulties. This the town refused to concur in; and in November, by the advice of his church, Mr. Whitaker invited an *ex parte* council.

In December, however, the town united in calling

a mutual council. This council proceeded to examine the charges, and finally gave their opinion that nothing was proved to injure the Christian or ministerial character of Mr. Whitaker, but considering the wide breach between him and his people, they advised that he should ask a dismission, which he did; and February 21, 1816, he was accordingly dismissed from his pastoral office.

Some years previous to this, however, a division was made by the erection of the Baptist Society.

In November, 1817, the Rev. Thomas Rich was invited to become the pastor of the Congregational Society, who being taken sick did not accept the invitation.

From this time until 1821 the difficulties seemed to increase, when the Calvinistic part of the society seceded and formed a separate society, and invited the Rev. Mr. Felt to become their pastor. The original society called to the ministry the Rev. Samuel Brimblecom. Both of these gentlemen were ordained in December.

The Rev. Mr. Felt resigned his ministry about two years after his ordination, and was succeeded by the Rev. Jonathan Curtis who was ordained in 1825 and still (1830) continues.

Rev. Mr. Brimblecom was dismissed from the ministry in the first parish November 14, 1825, since which time the parish has been without a regular pastor to this time (1830.)

The Baptist Society, soon after its formation, settled the Rev. Mr. Waitt, who stopped but a short time. The church has since (to 1830) been without an ordained preacher.

SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FUNDS.

The town is at present divided into five school districts, in each of which a school is kept from six to nine months in each year.

The funds arising from the sale of lands amount to

\$850. In 1826 a number of persons, who were originally inhabitants of Sharon and now residing in Boston and vicinity, made a donation to the town of \$1860 which is called the "Sharon Friend School Fund," and committed to the care of trustees annually chosen by the town.

The present annual appropriation of the town for the support of schools is \$530, which together with the interest of the funds make nearly \$700 per year for schools.

MILLS AND MANUFACTURES.

In September, 1810, the town voted to give leave to Mr. Joseph Hewins to build a dam in the road near Mr. Samuel Hewins' house, and the year following was built the first cotton factory in Sharon.

Two or three years after, a factory was built under the superintendence of Mr. Seth Boyden Jr. for the making of files, which was kept in operation for a few years, but was discontinued; and the building has been successively improved for the manufacture of nails, woollens and cotton, which last is now carried on to advantage.

In the south part of the town is a small manufactory for nails and pelisse wadding; and another nail and carding manufactory on the Massapoag stream, with two grist mills, constitutes the present mill interest of the town.

Formerly the manufacture of straw bonnets employed many of the females in town, and the business is still a prominent feature in the business of the time.

The manufacture of palm leaf hats has engaged the attention of a considerable number of hands the past three years.

Shoes are also made to a considerable extent, and this branch of business is rapidly increasing.

The raising of mulberry and rearing of silk worms

are receiving considerable attention, and will probably become a profitable business.

For many years much bitterness has been manifested in political and religious controversies in the community, which, however, are now happily wearing away.

The people have always been liberal in the support of schools, and are generally well informed. Societies and associations have been formed to diffuse knowledge and cherish social virtues, which in their little circles have been productive of much good.

THE END.

A SURVEYOR'S SONG.

We have given this title to the following lines which are found on an ancient plan ordered to be made by the Dorchester Proprietors in 1713 and completed in 1730. The plan is deposited in the Registry of Deeds in Dedham and covers the southerly half of Sharon with other land to the east and west. James Blake Jr. was the head surveyor, and possibly was the author of the verses. They express the honest endeavor of the Surveyor's party to do their "duty still," and their desire to meet the approval of "after times." In one line, where a word is illegible, the word "course" has been conjecturally inserted.

Upon our Needle we depend,
In ye thick woods our course to know.
Then after it ye Chain Extend,
For we must gain our Distance so.

Over ye Hills, through brushey Plains,
And hidious swamps where is no track,
Cross Rivers, Brooks, we with much Pains
Are forc'd to travil forth & back.

Briars & Thorns our Flesh Doth Tear,
And Stubborn Brush our Garments rend,
Our Instruments need much Repair,
Labour and Toil our Spirits Spend.

Sometimes with heat we are oppresed.
Then Flys and Serpents they annoy us;
Sometimes for cold we have no rest,
And Sudden heats & colds destroy us.

Our fare is mean, our Suffering great,
Amidst all which our [course] must keep,
And work come Right, our lines run strait,
All Plotted be before we sleep.

When weary Steps has brought us home
And Needle, Chain have some respite,
Scale and Dividers in use come
To fit all for next morning light.
And though we're carefull in ye same
As hast & obstacles will yield,
Yet after times they will us blame
When Rough wild woods are made a Field.
Three of ye Gentlemen Improv'd
Did not survive ye work in hand;
One quickly after was removed,
Through Mercy all ye Rest yet stand.
May we our Generation serue
According to God's Holy will;
And from his Precepts never swerue,
Labour to do our Duty still:
And all be ready for our Death;
That whensoever our Change shall be,
We may with Joy resign our Breath,
And from our Labours Rest may we.

May 8th, 1730.

ORIGIN OF THE SHARON HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The Sharon Historical Society had its origin in the fact that in the year 1886, Mr. William Richards, who lived in that part of the town called Pigeon Swamp, informed the Selectmen that in his family were many relics of ancient origin which he was desirous that the town should have, care for and save for the pleasure and profit of his townsmen for all time.

In response to his liberality the Board inserted in the warrant for the annual meeting of that year the following article:

"To see what action the town will take in relation to the acceptance and preservation by the town of certain historic relics belonging to the Moses Richards family and others now offered as a gift to the town."

Under this article the following vote was passed March 1, A. D. 1886.

"Voted. That the Selectmen are hereby instructed and directed to receive such articles of historic interest as may be offered as a gift to the town, by the Moses Richards family, and also such other gifts of a like nature offered by others, and to make such provisions for their preservation as they in their judgment deem suitable and proper."

At the annual town meeting of the year 1887, an ancient account book dating from 1762 to 1770, both years inclusive, formerly belonging to Benjamin Hewins who for many years served the town as Clerk, was presented to the town by Mrs. Olive Eleanor (Johnson) Choate of Beverly. The presentation was made by Mr. Solomon Talbot in behalf of Mrs. Choate. The town

voted to accept the same, and a vote of thanks was extended to the donor.

In this connection it may be well to state that Mr. Herbert L. Hewins has donated another book written by his grandfather, Mr. Benjamin Hewins, above mentioned, of accounts kept by him as store keeper in Sharon; also that many other persons followed the example thus set, until the town officers felt that some permanent place should be found for their exhibition and preservation.

At the annual town meeting held March 5, 1888, it was voted—"That a committee of three be appointed by the Moderator to procure the relics and antiquarian articles donated to the town by the Moses Richards family, and that the same be labelled, numbered and recorded in a book, with the history of each article as far as can be ascertained, and the same be deposited in some suitable place in the Town House. Solomon Talbot, Jonathan R. Packard and the town clerk Joel P. Hewins were chosen as the committee.

Afterwards, at a special town meeting held November 9, 1895, it was

"Voted. To add to the committee the following persons: the Board of Trustees of the Public Library, the Town Clerk, Mrs. Emma M. Bowman, and Mrs. Eliza J. Kempton."

This committee soon organized with Town Clerk George H. Whittemore as chairman, Mary Ella Hixson, secretary; and Eliza J. Kempton, custodian. Mr. Jonathan R. Packard donated cases for the reception of the articles. Since the committee was thus re-organized, many other valuable gifts have been added to the collection, which is kept in a room on the first floor of the town hall.

Among the plans of the Sharon Antiquarian Committee, the matter of an Historical Society has from

time to time been discussed and also the matter of a written town history.

In 1903, Mr. Eugene Tappan was chosen by the town a member of the committee. At the annual meeting of the committee held April 15, 1903, Eugene Tappan and Loring M. Monk were chosen to formulate plans for the incorporation of an Historical Society. They reported their doings at a subsequent meeting, and their report was accepted and adopted by the Sharon Antiquarian Committee; and through the efforts of the Antiquarian Committee the Sharon Historical Society was incorporated.

AGREEMENT OF ASSOCIATION.

We, whose names are hereto subscribed, do, by this Agreement, associate ourselves with the intention to constitute a corporation according to the provisions of the one hundred and twenty-fifth Chapter of the Revised Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the Acts in amendment thereof and addition thereto. The name by which the Corporation shall be known is the Sharon Historical Society.

The Corporation is constituted for the purpose of prosecuting antiquarian and historical matters. The place within which the Corporation is established or located is the Town of Sharon within said Commonwealth.

The Corporation has no Capital Stock.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this fifteenth day of June in the year nineteen hundred and three.

Solomon Talbot, William R. Mann, Alice M. Drake, Eugene Tappan, George H. Whittemore, and ninety-eight others.

At a meeting duly called of the subscribers to the agreement, held in the lower town hall, August 27, 1903,

the corporation was organized by the adoption of by-laws and election of officers.

BY-LAWS
OF THE
SHARON HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

1. The Corporate name shall be the Sharon Historical Society.

2. The corporation is for historical and antiquarian purposes.

3. The officers shall be a president, three vice presidents, a recording secretary, a corresponding secretary, a treasurer, a custodian, and a board of nine directors, consisting of the president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, custodian, and four other members.

4. The first board of officers elected at the organization of the society shall serve until the annual meeting in April, 1904, or until their successors are elected. After said organization, the officers shall be elected by ballot at the April meeting of the society, and shall serve for one year or until their successors are chosen. All officers shall perform their duties under the direction of the directors.

5. Vacancies in office during the year may be filled by the directors.

6. The president, or, in his absence, one of the vice presidents shall preside at meetings of the society. The president shall preside at meetings of the directors.

7. The treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the society, collect fees and dues, and pay bills approved by the directors. He shall furnish a bond with surety or sureties satisfactory to the directors; and any premium for surety shall be paid by the society.

8. The recording secretary shall keep the records of meetings of the society and meetings of the directors, and give notices of meetings of the society.

9. The corresponding secretary shall attend to the correspondence of the society.

10. The custodian shall have charge of the property, other than funds, of the society.

11. The board of directors, except as otherwise provided in the by-laws, shall have full power and authority to do all acts and transact all business concerning the society, as they may deem best.

12. The society shall hold meetings on the last Thursday of January, April, July and October in each year. Notice of each meeting shall be given to the members by the recording secretary five days, at least, before the date of the meeting. Where several members are in one household, one notice shall be sufficient for the household.

13. Meetings of the directors may be called at any time by the president, or by two directors, on at least two days' notice to each director.

14. A quorum of the society shall consist of nine members. A quorum of the board of directors shall consist of five members.

15. Any person of lawful age may become a member of the society upon being proposed by the board of directors and accepted at a meeting of the society.

16. A membership fee of one dollar shall be required of each member upon joining the society.

17. Each member shall pay an annual due of fifty cents at the April meeting of the society.

18. Failure to pay a due for six months, may, at the option of the society, be treated as resignation of the member.

19. Reports shall be presented by the officers at the April meeting of the society.

20. The by-laws, or any of them, may be amended or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a regular meeting of the society, provided notice of the proposed action is inserted in the notices of the meeting.

[A proposal is pending to amend the by-laws by adding an

auditor to the list of officers, and by providing that the summer quarterly meeting shall be held on the Thursday in Old Home Week.]

FIRST BOARD OF OFFICERS.

President, John G. Phillips; vice-presidents, Solomon Talbot, William R. Mann, D. Webster Pettee; recording secretary, George H. Whittemore; corresponding secretary, Eugene Tappan; treasurer, Arthur D. Colburn; custodian, Loring M. Monk; additional directors, Edmund H. Hewins, Timothy F. Quinn, Alice M. Drake, Emma A. Baker. [Amanda M. Eddy was afterwards chosen a director in place of Alice M. Drake, deceased.]

CHARTER.

NO. 15202. COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Be it Known, That whereas John G. Phillips, Solomon Talbot, William R. Mann, D. W. Pettee, George H. Whittemore, Eugene Tappan, Arthur Dwight Colburn, Loring M. Monk, Edmund H. Hewins, Timothy F. Quinn, Alice M. Drake, Emma A. Baker and others have associated themselves with the intention of forming a corporation under the name of The Sharon Historical Society, for the purpose of prosecuting antiquarian and historical matters, and have complied with the provisions of the statutes of this Commonwealth in such case made and provided, as appears from the certificate of the President, Treasurer and Directors of said corporation, duly approved by the Commissioner of Corporations and recorded in this office;

Now, Therefore, I, William M. Olin, Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby certify that said John G. Phillips, Solomon Talbot, William R. Mann, D. W. Pettee, George H. Whittemore, Eugene Tappan, Arthur Dwight Colburn, Loring M. Monk, Edmund H. Hewins, Timothy F. Quinn, Alice M. Drake, Emma A. Baker, their associates and successors,

are legally organized and established as, and are hereby made an existing corporation under the name of The Sharon Historical Society, with the powers, rights and privileges, and subject to the limitations, duties and restrictions, which by law appertain thereto.

Witness my official signature hereunto subscribed, and the seal of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts hereunto affixed this eleventh day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and three.

[SEAL OF THE
COMMONWEALTH.]

WM. M. OLIN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

SHARON, October 29, 1903.

The first quarterly meeting of the Society was called to order at 8 o'clock P. M. President John G. Phillips in the chair, who made an interesting address and introduced the following speakers:

DON GLEASON HILL of Dedham.

"Study and use of Ancient Records."

EUGENE TAPPAN.

"Local History an interesting study."

THOMAS E. GROVER of Canton.

"Life in Old Times."

Charles S. Curtis read a paper relating to an historical period of Sharon when church and state were very closely connected.

Visitors were present from Brockton, Dedham, Canton and Stoughton. Thanks were voted to speakers and guests. After a social hour, all joined in singing, "Should Old Acquaintance be forgot."

SHARON, January 28, 1904.

After a social half hour the second quarterly meeting of the Society was called to order at 8.25 o'clock P. M. Vice President D. W. Pettee presiding. Recording Secretary George H. Whittemore being absent,

Arthur P. Fiske was elected Recording Secretary *pro tem*. The records were read and approved.

On motion of Eugene Tappan the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote:

Resolved. That the Sharon Historical Society having lost one of its Directors, Mrs. Alice M. Drake, who died December 14, 1903, hereby expresses its appreciation of a life long citizen of Sharon, who was allied to several of its old families, fond of its history and much interested in the formation and work of the Historical Society.

Notice of the meeting of the Stoughton Historical Society on Monday, February 1st, next, and invitation to the members of the Sharon Historical Society to attend the meeting, was read.

Dr. Loring W. Puffer of Brockton gave an address, comparing the manner of living and the morality of the present generation with the past, and suggesting a remedy for some of the present evils.

Dr. George W. Field gave an interesting lecture on "Sharon Geology" illustrated by charts and photographs.

Eugene Tappan made a few remarks and suggestions in relation to contribution by members to the "Scrap-Book," giving the contribution of President Candage of the Brookline Historical Society as an example.

A letter received from President John G. Phillips written at Mentone in France, was listened to with great interest.

Adjourned after singing "Auld Lang Syne." The meetings of the Society are at present held in the lower hall of the Town House.

GIFTS TO THE SOCIETY.

From Alvin R. Alden. Files of *Sharon Ozone*, (newspaper) 1889 to 1894, inclusive.

From Rufus G. F. Candage, Brookline. *More Gathered Autumn Leaves*. (A book privately printed.)

From Amelia M. Clifton, Stoughton. Ancient Town Documents, namely :

Petition for annexation to Walpole, 1752.

Request for way to Walpole, 1745-6.

Teachers' pay to Damaris Bird and Elizabeth Capen, 1745.

Summons to field drivers, &c., to take oaths, 1729-30.

Request to insert article in town warrant, 1729.

Request to remove town meetings, 1746-7.

Request to lay out road to Morse's mills, 1747-8.

Petition of Remember Willis to keep tavern, 1751.

Petition to be set off to Norton, 1753.

From Florence Deane. My Aunt Deborah. (MS copy.)

From Col. Edmund Hart Hewins. Annals of the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association.

From Historical Society of Old Newbury. Brief Biographical Sketches, by Robert N. Toppan.

From James P. Mackey, Brookline. 3 pamphlets.

From Medford Historical Society. Medford Historical Register (quarterly).

From Nantucket Historical Association. 2 pamphlets.

From Mary C. Nye, Marietta, Ohio. The Nye Family of America Association.

From John G. Phillips. Personal letters from Europe.

From Dr. Loring W. Puffer, Brockton. Package of 18 deeds a century old, 2 plans of land, and many receipts, &c.

From Ezra Otis Swift, Boston. Framed picture of the Job Swift homestead on Mountain St.

From Eugene Tappan.

Sharon wills and Probate Papers, a manuscript book of wills and administrations down to 1793.

Natick Dictionary, by James Hammond Trumbull (an Indian dictionary).

Norfolk county manual, 1876.

Souvenir medal of Boston Evacuation, 1901.

From Robert Tappan.

A large wall map of Sharon made by him for the Society.

From Gilbert Thompson, Washington, D. C. 2 pamphlets.

From George H. Whittemore.

Catalogue of library, John M. Bullard, 1848.

Memoranda of farm work and products, John M. Bullard, 1848.

Receipt by Niel McKay from Judith Bullard in 1781, of one cow in part of his hire as a soldier.

HISTORICAL SCRAP BOOK.

The Society is making a collection of historical items written or furnished by its members and friends. When a sufficient number of items is received, the leaves will be bound as a book, and will form a pleasant volume for reading at the meetings, or for consultation in private. Each person is desired to write, on the leaves furnished, some interesting fact of Sharon history, or a description of building, tree, landscape, walk or drive. Other subjects might be anecdotes, accounts of old documents, books or letters, pictures or plans, mention of noted visitors and famous citizens. The following articles have already been furnished:

Massapoag ball club of 1857	Alvin R. Alden
South Sharon school reminiscence	Elizabeth M. Billings
Sharon, the pioneer town of free text books,	S. Ingersoll Briant
Visit to Sharon in 1855	Rufus G. F. Candage
Proposal to change the town name to Massapoag,	George Willis Cooke
Boston Randall	Cadwallader Curry
Early acquaintance with Sharon	Perley B. Davis
Winter of 1903-4 (clipping)	Sarah S. Edwards
It's all gone by in Sharon	Harriet F. Gray
The Sharon spring	William L. Haskel
A Sharon widow of revolutionary times	Mary E. Hixson
Blue Hill seen from the village center	H. Rebecca Johnson
The Sharon Ozone newspaper	George Kempton
Judge Lynde's visit to his timber lands in Sharon,	Eliza J. Kempton

Ancient Sharon	John C. Kimball
A May day in Sharon	George F. Leonard
Rhymes of 1871 about the students in Stoughton- ham Institute (copy)	Arthur C. Long
Personal reminiscences of Sharon	William R. Mann
A Yankee Jeanne D'Arc (old clipping)	Eliza B. Mills
Deborah Sampson's willow	Susan G. Moody
Old folks' sleigh rides	D. Webster Pettee
Bonfires on Moose hill	John G. Phillips
A story of Stoughton in 1716; also Col. Israel Tisdale and family	Loring W. Puffer
Sharon memories	Edward G. Smith
Job Swift of Sharon	Ezra Otis Swift
Bags of money in the well	Solomon Talbot
Leap year birthday	Eugene Tappan
Live moose in Sharon	Muriel Tappan
Sharon people who joined the Medfield Baptist church	William S. Tilden
Finding a home in Sharon	Eliza L. White
Missouri Compromise resolves in Sharon (record), George H. Whittemore	

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SHARON HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

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Emma A. Baker, Billings St.	Bertha M. Campbell, Depot St.
Abel T. Barnes, Boyden Place.	W. Winthrop Capen, South Pleasant St.
Charles O. Barnes, Summit Av.	A. Alden Carpenter, Depot St.
Abbie C. Billings, Billings St.	M. Imogene Carpenter, Depot St.
Elizabeth M. Billings, Billings St.	Sanford I. Carpenter, Billings St.
Osmond J. Billings, Billings St.	Erminnie O. Carpenter, Billings St.
Benjamin S. Bolles, Pond St.	Harriet M. Chapin, Maskwonicut St.
John A. Bowman, Wood St.	Calvin G. Coggins, South Main St.
Winnibel Bowman, Wood St.	Arthur Dwight Colburn, Depot St.
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Marie Hilda Brittain, Glendale Road.	Floyd C. Coon, Billings St.

- Guild A. Copeland, Pleasant St.
 Cadwallader Curry, Pleasant St.
 Charles S. Curtis, Pond St.
 Clara E. Curtis, Pond St.
 Lillias C. Davenport, Ames St.
 Walter H. Delano, Billings St.
 Gertrude H. Delano, Billings St.
 Miner R. Deming, Revere.
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 Elizabeth O. Dennett, North Main St.
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 Almira W. Derry, South Main St.
 Daniel DeVoe, Norwood St.
 Almon J. Dyer, North Main St.
 Lizzie J. L. Dyer, North Main St.
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 Adelaide M. Fernald, North Main St.
 Carrie N. Fernald, North Main St.
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 Mary Bell Field, Moose Hill St.
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 Julia A. Mann, East St.
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 Edmund F. Merriam, North Main St.
 Loring M. Monk, East St.
 Laura D. Monk, East St.
 Rodney E. Monk, East St.
 Susan G. Moody, East St.
 Bushrod Morse, Harvard St., Brookline.
 Velina F. Myrick, Pleasant St.
 Herbert F. Nelson, Maple Av.
 Cyrus A. Noyes, Cottage St.
 Bernard L. Paine, Highland St.
 D. Webster Pettee, Pleasant St.
 Myra F. Pettee, Pleasant St.
 John G. Phillips, Pleasant St.

Mary W. Phillips, Pleasant St.	Edmund H. Talbot, 27 State St., Boston.
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Mary N. Phillips, Pleasant St.	Muriel Tappan, South Pleasant St.
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Elizabeth L. Quinn, South Main St.	Ida A. Tuck, South Main St.
Benjamin Reynolds, South Main St.	Alice M. Tuck, South Main St.
Ruth A. Reynolds, South Main St.	Margaret H. Walton, Moose Hill St.
Lydia G. Richards, Stoughton.	Mille Louise West, Summit Av.
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Silas A. Stone, Billings St.	George H. Whittemore, Chestnut St.
Ezra Otis Swift, P.O.Box 2587, Boston.	Elsie A. Whittemore, Chestnut St.
Solomon Talbot, Maskwonicut St.	Total, 149.

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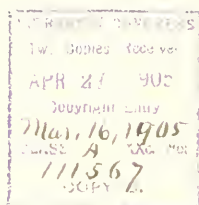


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INTRODUCTION TO REPRINT.

A reprint is here given of the pamphlet published in Dedham, Massachusetts, in 1802, containing an address delivered by Mrs. Deborah Sampson Gannett of Sharon, Massachusetts. The pamphlet is now rare, and thanks are due to the Dedham Historical Society for the loan of its copy. The courtesy also is acknowledged of Miss Frances M. Mann of Dedham, for the use of the original copper plate from which was printed in 1797 the portrait of Deborah Sampson in the somewhat fanciful biography entitled "The Female Review, or Memoirs of an American Young Lady." Miss Mann is the librarian of the Dedham Public Library, and the granddaughter of Herman Mann, who wrote the *Female Review*.

The address was delivered by Mrs. Gannett in 1802, in many towns in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York. It treats of her experience as a soldier of the American Revolution.

Deborah Sampson was born in Plympton, Massachusetts, December 17, 1760. Plympton is near old Plymouth, of which it was formerly a part, and Deborah's ancestors were some of the foremost Pilgrim settlers. In a note in John A. Vinton's edition of the *Female Review* (1866), pp. 45, etc., the descent of Deborah is traced from Abraham Sampson, Miles Standish, John Alden and William Bradford, as well as from Alice Southworth and Bathsheba Le Broche.

Under the name of Robert Shurtleff, Deborah Samp-

son enlisted in the Continental army as a soldier, and served in Capt. George Webb's Company in the 4th Massachusetts Regiment commanded by Col. Shepard, afterwards by Col. Jackson. She was wounded in an engagement at Tarrytown, New York. and was honorably discharged in the fall of 1783.

In the following spring she was married to Benjamin Gannett, the son of a patriotic citizen of Sharon, Massachusetts. Here she lived until her death, April 29, 1827, and reared a family of three children, Earl Bradford, Mary and Patience. Mary Gannett was married to Judson Gilbert and Patience Gannett to Seth Gay.

In recognition of her military service, the Massachusetts Legislature in 1792 granted her thirty-four pounds. The resolve recites "that the said Deborah exhibited an extraordinary instance of female heroism by discharging the duties of a faithful, gallant soldier, and at the same time preserving the virtue and chastity of her sex unsuspected and unblemished, and was discharged from the service with a fair and honorable character." On the 11th of March, 1805, she was allowed a pension of four dollars per month at the pension office in Washington. The pension commenced from January 1, 1803, and was increased in 1816 to \$6.40 per month. From 1819 she drew a pension of eight dollars per month during her life.

Eleven years after her death, Congress passed a special act (Statutes at Large, vol. 6, page 735), directing the secretary of the treasury to pay to the heirs of Deborah Gannett the sum of \$466.66. The committee in reporting the bill, remark: "As there cannot be a parallel case in all time to come, the committee do not hesitate to grant relief." The act reads as follows:—

Be it enacted, &c., That the Secretary of the Treasury

ERRATUM.—The reference in the text to the time of the marriage of Deborah Sampson was based on Mr. Vinton's notes in the *Female Review*; but the original town records of Stoughton give April 7, 1785, as the date.

be, and he is hereby, directed to pay, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the heirs of Deborah Gannett, a revolutionary soldier, and late the wife of Benjamin Gannett, of Sharon, in the State of Massachusetts, now deceased, the sum of four hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-six cents, being an equivalent for a full pension of eighty dollars per annum, from the fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-one, to the decease of Benjamin Gannett in January, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, as granted in certain cases to the widows of revolutionary soldiers by the act passed the fourth day of July, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, entitled "An act granting half pay to widows or orphans where their husbands or fathers have died of wounds received in the military service of the United States in certain cases, and for other purposes."

Approved July 7, 1838.

In preparing the foregoing facts concerning Deborah Sampson's military service, use has been made of the introduction to Vinton's Edition of the Female Review already referred to.

Deborah Sampson Gannett first delivered her address in the Federal Street Theatre in Boston, in March, 1802. Advertisements of the performances are found in the "Columbian Centinel," in the issues of March 20, 24 and 27. The places and times of some other deliveries of the address by her in the same year were: Providence, May 5; Worcester, July 22; Holden, July 30; Brookfield, August 9; Springfield, August 13; Northampton, August 18; Albany, August 31 and September 1; Schenectady, September 7; and Ballston Springs, September 9.

On her lecturing tour Mrs. Gannett lodged at the following places:—Robert Williams, Liberty Square, Boston; Widow Jones, Providence; Capt. John Seamons,

Wharf Lane, Newport Ferry; Herman Mann, Dedham; Capt. James Tisdale, Medfield; Jacob Miller, Worcester; Capt. George Webb, Holden; William Howes and Capt. Draper, Brookfield; Eleazer Williams ("son to Dr. Williams, formerly of Roxbury"), Springfield; Mr. Pomeroy, Northampton; Alfred Pomeroy and Mr. Whitmore, Chesterfield; Mr. Allen, Pittsfield; Capt. Keeler, Green Street, Albany; James Rogers, Schenectady; Mr. MacMaster, Ballston; Capt. Ashleyeo, Troy; Mr. Booth, Hudson; Mr. Streets, Catskill; Mr. Bosticks, Easton; and Gen. John Paterson, Lisle.

The fact of the Worcester address was furnished by Hon. Alfred S. Roe of that city, who discovered in the "Massachusetts Spy" of Worcester, in its issue of July 21, 1802, the advertisement of the proposed address "in the Court House, tomorrow, at 5 o'clock P. M." The other names and dates above given, later than the Boston engagement, appear in a short diary kept by Mrs. Gannett, containing entries from May 3, 1802, to January 6, 1803. They are given here, partly with the hope that some readers may follow up a clew thus afforded, and from diaries, newspapers or family traditions may reach results of interest to be communicated to the Sharon Historical Society. For such communications the thanks of the Society will be given.

The longest entries in Mrs. Gannett's diary relate to Providence, and are as follows:—

"1802, May 3d. I took stage in Dedham. Rode to Providence in company with Mr. William Billings and lady. This polite gentleman and lady showed every mark of genuine friendship. They invited me to take tea with them at our arrival. I informed these generous people of my wishes in making a public appearance, either in Mr. Amidon's hall or in the theatre. Mr. B. informed me that

he wished to do everything that lay in his power to assist me, and appeared to be much pleased in reading the bill of my performance in the theatre at Boston.

"I conveyed my letters of recommendation to Mr. Wheeler, and this gentleman—Mr. Wheeler—came immediately, and he advised me to perform in Mr. Amidon's hall; and finally I gave him my bill of the performance in Boston. He printed my bill, and they were set up in the most public places in the town, and Wednesday evening was to be the first of my performance. But I was quite unfortunate, indeed, for I was taken quite unwell, and of course was obliged to postpone my exhibition until Thursday evening.

"May 5. When I entered the hall, I must say I was much pleased at the appearance of the audience. It appeared from almost every countenance that they were full of unbelief—I mean in regard to my being the person that served in the revolutionary army.

"Some of them which I happened to overhear swore that I was a lad of not more than eighteen years of age. I sat some time in my chair before I rose to deliver my address. When I did, I think I may with much candor applaud the people for their serious attention and peculiar respect, especially the ladies."

The animated, flowing style and love of incident displayed in the foregoing extracts make one wish that Mrs. Gannett had penned her own address, and not "procured" it to be written, as stated in her editor's introduction.

In the Albany Register for August 31, 1802, was the following notice, a copy of which was furnished by Miss May Childs Nerney, who is in charge of the history division of the State Library in Albany.

“MRS. GANNET’S EXHIBITION

“The ladies and gentlemen of Albany and its vicinity are respectfully informed that Mrs. Gannet, the celebrated American Heroine, who served nearly three years with great reputation in our Revolutionary Army, will, at the request of a number of respectable characters, deliver an Address to the inhabitants of this city and vicinity, in the Court House, this evening at $\frac{1}{2}$ past seven o’clock.

“Tickets may be had at the Court House from 5 o’clock till the performance begins. Price 25 cents, children half price.

“Albany, August 31, 1802.”

Under the caption of “My Expense in Albany” are the following bills in the diary, which show the curious detail work of the lecturer:—

	D. c.
“To old key keeper.....	2 00
To Mr. Barber for printing.....	3 00
To Mr. Lester for filling blank and finding candles	1 34
To Mr. Giles for attendance.....	2 67
To sweeping the court house.....	0 48
For cleaning the candle sticks.....	0 20
For brushing the seats.....	0 17
For the dressing my hair, 2 even.....	1 00
To boarding.....	6 00
To washing.....	1 34”

Mrs. Gannett visited her captain (George Webb) in Holden, near Worcester, where she staid three weeks. She also visited her general (John Paterson) in Lisle, New York, where she staid a month. Of the latter visit she says:—“November 11 [1802] I arrived at Judge Paterson’s at Lisle. This respectable family treated me with

every mark of distinction and friendship, and likewise all the people did the same. I really want for words to express my gratitude. They often met together in the neighborhood and had the most social meetings. They seemed to unite in hearty congratulations with my old friend, Judge Paterson, on our happy meeting."

As General Paterson, now Judge Paterson, was a member of Congress, 1803 to 1805, and as Mrs. Gannett's pension was obtained in 1805 and ran from 1803, it would seem probable that he had a hand in procuring it. If so, it was a good pecuniary result of her lecturing venture. She also obtained from her lectures enough money to enable her to forward some to Sharon, "which I hope," she writes, "my family will make a good use of."

Concerning the contents of the address, it must be admitted that it contains little narrative, being largely apologetic. The speaker alludes to adverse criticism of her act in enlisting as a soldier, which she owns to be an act of presumption. But she had pondered on the injustice of the war, and wished to be an avenger. Seizing an opportunity, she enlisted, and then determined to stay to the end. A few scenes of the war are named. Of the engagement of White Plains, she says: "I was there." The motive that caused her to enlist is referred to, which she seems to decide by attributing it to her fate. If a man had done it, he would have achieved immortal glory and fame. But she was a woman, and so contents herself with claiming her hearers' indulgence, as she is conscious of the approbation of God. She closes the address with expressing her high respect for her own sex—a respect increased by her rough experience.

To make the reprint more exact, the spelling of the original is preserved, such as the careless omission of a letter in the word "ADDRSS" on the title page. This

particular mistake was afterwards corrected, as is shown in another copy.

The lecturing tour of Deborah Sampson Gannett in 1802 forms a most interesting chapter in her life, as it shows her to be a pioneer in this field. It may be difficult to name a woman before her time who earned money by travelling alone from town to town, attending to her own business details and delivering an address. The writers of her career, however, have scarcely touched upon this subject. The first public notice of Mrs. Gannett as a lecturer appears to have been taken in her own town of Sharon, April 3, 1902, at a banquet in the town hall commemorative of the centenary of the event. On this occasion, after-dinner speeches were made by Mrs. Mary A. Livermore of Melrose, Hon. Alfred S. Roe of Worcester, Mrs. Myra B. Hatch of Whitman, Edmund H. Talbot and Rev. Almon J. Dyer of Sharon. Frank E. Burbank of Sharon read an address written by Rev. A. A. Berle, D. D., now of Salem. Selections from Mrs. Gannett's diary were read by Mrs. Susan G. Moody, a great-granddaughter, who resides in the old homestead.

The house where Deborah Sampson Gannett lived, somewhat changed, still stands in good preservation on East street, a mile from Sharon village, and her grave is in Rockridge cemetery, on the same street, one mile south-westerly from the house. A street near by is named Deborah Sampson street. Many of her descendants reside in Sharon and the adjoining towns. The honored name of their ancestress is often pronounced, and visits are often made to her home and her grave. A new tribute to the memory of Mrs. Gannett will appear on the soldiers' monument soon to be erected a short distance from her grave, from funds bequeathed for the purpose in the will of her grandson, George Washington Gay, late of Sharon.

He was son of Seth and Patience Gay above mentioned. After providing for the monument, the testator says: "I further request to have the name Deborah Sampson Gannett, with proper reference to her service in the war of the revolution, inscribed on the same memorial stone."

EUGENE TAPPAN.

Sharon, April, 1905.

A N
A D D R S S,

DELIVERED WITH APPLAUSE,

AT THE *FEDERAL-STREET THEATRE*, BOSTON,

FOUR SUCCESSIVE NIGHTS OF THE DIFFERENT

PLAYS, BEGINNING *MARCH 22*, 1802;

AND AFTER, AT OTHER PRINCIPAL TOWNS, A

NUMBER OF NIGHTS SUCCESSIVELY

AT EACH PLACE;

BY MRS. DEBORAH GANNET,

by

THE AMERICAN HEROINE,

*Who served three years with reputation (undiscovered as a
Female) in the late AMERICAN ARMY.*

PUBLISHED AT THE REQUEST OF THE AUDIENCES.

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Dedham :

PRINTED and SOLD by H. MANN, for Mrs. GANNET,
at the MINERVA OFFICE,—1802.

INTRODUCTION.

THE character and achievements of Mrs. GANNETT, late DEBORAH SAMPSON, the American Heroine, have excited much curiosity in the United States. At the close of the revolution, she retired to an obscure part of Massachusetts, selected, or rather was selected, a partner of an industrious farmer. From her Memoirs, since published, and the best, nearest information, she continues to support, with reputation, the offices of Wife, Mother and Friend—affable in her disposition, courteous in her manners, and universally benevolent.

IT is from her naturally ambitious disposition, and taste for a more elevated stile of life, that she is induced to re-visit some of the principal places, which were the theatre of her personating the soldier—to appear in public, to open the eyes of the incredulous, and to wipe off any aspersions, which the whispers of satire, caprice, or malevolence may have wantonly thrown upon her.

THIS resolution being communicated to a number of respectable Characters, she received invitations from them, to make her appearance on the Boston Theatre, and to give a recital of some of the principal traits of her life. This proposal caught both her fancy and her wishes, honorably to enhance the pecuniary interest of her family; which she is said industriously to economize.

SHE accordingly procured the following, which she remarkably soon committed, verbatim, to memory, except an ad-

dition since of about three pages. Under the superintendence of Messrs. POWELL and HARPER, she was ushered on to the Stage in a very polite manner; where, before a crowded assembly, perfectly unabashed, she very audibly recited her naration. In the Manual Exercise, being in complete uniform, and during the Soldier's Festival, she acquitted herself with peculiar ease and grace.—An attendant has since introduced her to the Audience by the following

Prospectus.

*Ye Guardian FRIENDS of LIBERTY and PEACE,
Our surest hope of merit, power, increase,
Mark here those traits so rare in Female's name;
She does not speak, nor do I write, for fame.
Her boldest claim is simple, gen'ine Truth;
Her humblest plea is for her Sex and Youth.
May not base calumny her deeds supplant;
Your Patronage as from a Parent, grant.—
E'en Britain's Fair, though proud, this truth must own—
When Liberty's at stake, a FEMALE storms the Throne!*

ADDRESS.

NOT unlike the example of the patriot and philanthropist, though perhaps perfectly so in effect, do I awake from the tranquil slumbers of retirement, to active, public scenes of life, like those which now surround me. That genius which is the prompter of *curiosity*, and that spirit which is the support of *enterprise*, early drove, or, rather illured me, from the corner of humble obscurity—their cheering aspect has again prevented a torpid rest.

SECONDARY to these are the solicitations of a number of worthy characters and friends, too persuasive and congenial with my own disposition to be answered with indifference, or to be rejected, have induced me thus to advance and bow submissive to an audience, simply and concisely to rehearse a *tale of truth*; which, though it took its rise, and finally terminated in the splendor of public life, I was determined to repeat only as the soliloquy of a hermit, or to the visionary phantoms, which hover through the glooms of solitude.

A TALE—the truth of which I was ready to say, but which, perhaps, others have already said for me, ought to expel me from the enjoyment of society, from

the acknowledgment of my own sex, and from the endearing friendship of the other. But this, I venture to pronounce, would be saying too much: For as I should thus not respect *myself*, should be entitled to none from *others*.

I INDEED recollect it as a foible, an error and presumption, into which, perhaps, I have too inadvertently and precipitately run; but which I now retrospect with anguish and amazement—recollect it, as a THOMSON, or any other moralizing naturalist, susceptible to the like fine feelings of nature, recollects the howling blasts of *winter*, at a period when *Flora* has strewed the earth with all her profusion of delicacies, and whose zephyrs are wasting their fragrance to heighten our sensations of tranquility and pleasure;—or, rather, perhaps, I ought to recollect it, as a marriner, having regained his native shore of serenity and peace, looks back on the stormy billows which, so long and so constantly had threatened to ingulph him in the bowels of the deep! And yet I must frankly confess, I recollect it with a kind of satisfaction, which no one can better conceive and enjoy than him, who, recollecting the *good intentions* of a *bad deed*, lives to see and to correct any indecorum of his life.

BUT without further preliminary apologies, yet with every due respect towards this brilliant and polite circle, I hasten to a review of the most conspicuous parts of that path, which led to achievements, which some have believed, but which many still doubt. Their accomplishment once seemed to me as impossible, as that I am

author of them, is now incredible to the incredulous, or wounding to the ear of more refined delicacy and taste. They are a breach in the decorum of my sex, unquestionably; and, perhaps, too unfortunately ever irreconcilable with the rigid maxims of the moralist; and a sacrifice, which, while it may seem perfectly incompatible with the requirements of virtue—and which of course must ring discord in the ear, and disgust to the bosom of sensibility and refinement, I must be content to leave to time and the most scrutinizing enquiry to disclose.

UNLETTERED in any scholastic school of erudition, you will not expect, on this occasion, the entertainment of the soft and captivating sounds of eloquence; but rather a narration of facts in a mode as uncouth as they are unnatural. *Facts*—which, though I once experienced, and of which memory has ever been painfully retentive, I cannot now make you feel, or paint to the life.

KNOW then, that my juvenile mind early became inquisitive to understand—not merely whether the principles, or rather the seeds of *war* are analogous to the genuine nature of *man*—not merely to know why he should forego every trait of *humanity*, and to assume the character of a *brute*; or, in plainer language, why he should march out tranquilly, or in a paroxism of rage against his fellow-man, to butcher, or be butchered?—for these, alas! were too soon horribly verified by the massacres in our streets, in the very streets which encompass this edifice—in yonder adjacent villas,* on yonder

*LEXINGTON, and the adjacent towns and hamlets, when the British marched out of Boston to destroy the military stores at Concord.

memorable eminence,* where now stand living monuments of the atrocious, the heart-distracting, mementous scenes, that followed in rapid succession!

THIS I am ready to affirm, though it may be deemed unnatural in my sex, is not a demoralization of human nature. The sluices, both of the blood of *freemen* and of *slaves*, were first opened here. And those hills and vallies, once the favorite resort, both of the lover and philosopher, have been drunk with their blood! A new subject was then opened to the most pathetic imagination, and to the rousing of every latent spark of humanity, one should think, in the bosoms of the *wolves*, as well as in those of the *sheep*, for whose blood they were so thirsty.

BUT most of all, my mind became agitated with the enquiry—why a nation, separated from us by an ocean more than three thousand miles in extent, should endeavor to enforce on us plans of subjugation, the most unnatural in themselves, unjust, inhuman, in their operations, and unpractised even by the uncivilized savages of the wilderness? Perhaps nothing but the critical juncture of the times could have excused such a philosophical disquisition of politics in woman, notwithstanding it was a theme of universal speculation and concern to man. We indeed originated from her, as from a parent, and had, perhaps, continued to this period in subjection to her mandates, had we not discovered, that this, her romantic, avaricious and cruel disposition extended to *murder*, after having bound the *slave*!

*BREED'S HILL—*wrongly called Bunker Hill.*

CONFIRMED by this time in the justness of a defensive war on the one side, from the most aggravated one on the other—my mind ripened with my strength; and while our beds and our roses were sprinkled with the blood of indiscriminate youth, beauty, innocence and decrepit old age, I only seemed to want the *license* to become one of the severest *avengers* of the wrong.

FOR several years I looked on these scenes of havoc, rapacity and devastation, as one looks on a drowning man, on the conflagration of a city—where are not only centered his coffers of gold, but with them his choicest hopes, friends, companions, his all—without being able to extend the rescuing hand to either.

WROUGHT upon at length, you may say, by an enthusiasm and phrenzy, that could brook no control—I burst the tyrant bands, which *held my sex in awe*, and clandestinely, or by stealth, grasped an opportunity, which custom and the world seemed to deny, as a natural privilege. And whilst poverty, hunger, nakedness, cold and disease had dwindled the *American Armies* to a handful—whilst universal terror and dismay ran through our camps, ran through our country—while even WASHINGTON himself, at their head, though like a god, stood, as it were, on a pinnacle tottering over the abyss of destruction, the last prelude to our falling a wretched prey to the yawning jaws of the monster aiming to devour—not merely for the sake of gratifying a fecetious curiosity, like that of my reputed Predecessor, in her romantic excursions through the garden of bliss—did I throw off the soft habiliments of *my sex*,

and assume those of the *warrior*, already prepared for battle.

THUS I became an actor in that important drama, with an inflexible resolution to persevere through the last scene; when we might be permitted and acknowledged to enjoy what we had so nobly declared we would possess, or lose with our lives—FREEDOM and INDEPENDENCE!—When the philosopher might resume his researches unmolested—the statesman be disembarrassed by his distracting theme of national politics—the divine find less occasion to invoke the indignation of heaven on the usurpers and cannibals of the inherent rights and even existence of man—when the son should again be restored to the arms of his disconsolate parent, and the lover to the bosom of her, for whom indeed he is willing to jeopard his life, and for whom alone he wishes to live!

A NEW scene, and, as it were, a new world now opened to my view; the objects of which now seemed as important, as the transition before seemed unnatural. It would, however, here be a weakness in me to mention the tear of repentance, or of that of temerity, from which the stoutest of my sex are, or ought not to be, wholly exempt on extreme emergencies, which many times involuntarily stole into my eye, and fell unheeded to the ground: And that too before I had reached the embattled field, the ramparts, which protected its internal resources—which shielded youth, beauty, and the delicacy of that sex at home, which perhaps I had forfeited in turning volunteer in their defence. *Temeritis*—when

reflections on my former situation, and this new kind of being, were daggers more frightful, than all the implements of war—when the rustling of every leaf was an omen of danger, the whisper of each wind, a tale of woe! If then the poignancy of thought stared me thus haggardly in the face, found its way to the inmost recesses of my heart, thus forcibly, in the commencement of my career—what must I not have anticipated before its close!

THE curtain is now up—a scene opens to your view; but the objects strike your attention less forcibly, and less interestingly, than they then did, not only my own eyes, but every energetic sensation of my soul. What shall I say further? Shall I not stop short, and leave to your imaginations to pourtray the tragic deeds of war? Is it not enough, that I here leave it even to unexperience to fancy the hardships, the anxieties, the dangers, even of the best life of a soldier? And were it not improper, were it not unsafe, were it not indelicate, and were I certain I should be intitled to a pardon, I would appeal to the soft bosom of my own sex to draw a parallel between the perils and sexual inconveniences of a girl in her teens, and not only in the armour, but in the capacity, at any rate, obliged to perform the duties in the field—and those who go to the camp without a masquerade, and consequently subject only to what toils and sacrifices they please: Or, will a conclusion be more natural from those who sometimes take occasion to complain by their own domestic fire-sides; but who, indeed, are at the same time in affluence, cherished in the arms of their companions, and sheltered from the storms of war by the rougher sex in arms?

MANY have seen, and many can contemplate, in the field of imagination, battles and victories amidst garments rolled in blood: but it is only one of my own sex, exposed to the storm, who can conceive of my situation.

WE have all heard of, many have doubtless seen, the meteor streaming through or breaking in the horizon—the terrific glare of the comet, in its approach towards, or in its declension from us, in its excentric orbit—the howling of a tempest—the electric fluid, which darts majesty and terror through the clouds—its explosion and tremendous effects!—BOSTONIANS, and you who inhabit its environs, you who have known from experience your houses and your hills tremble from the cannonade of *Charlestown*,—your ears are yet wounded by the shrieks of her mangled and her distressed—your eyes swimming in a deluge of anguish at the sight of our butchered, expiring relatives and friends; while the conflagration of the town added the last solemnity to the scene!

THIS idea must assimilate with the progress of this horrid delusion of war. Hence you can behold the parched soil of *White-Plains* drink insatiate the blood of her most peaceful and industrious proprietors—of *freemen*, and of *slaves*! I was there! The recollection makes me shudder!—A dislocated limb draws fresh anguish from my heart!

YOU may have heard the thunderings of a volcano—you may have contemplated, with astonishment and wonder, the burial of a city by its eruption. Your ears

then are yet deafened from the thunderings of the invasion of *York Town*—your eyes dazzled, your imaginations awfully sublimed, by the fire which belched from its environs, and towered, like that from an eruption of *Etna*, to the clouds! Your hearts yet bleed, from every principle of humanity, at the recollection of the havoc, carnage and death that reigned there!

THREE successive weeks, after a long and rapid march, found me amidst this storm.—But, happy for AMERICA, happy for EUROPE, perhaps for the WORLD, when, on the delivery of CORNWALLIS'S sword to the illustrious, the immortal WASHINGTON, or rather by his order, to the brave LINCOLN, the sun of *Liberty* and *Independence* burst through a sable cloud, and his benign influence was, almost instantaneously, felt in our remotest corners! The phalanx of war was thus broken through, and the palladium of peace blossoming on its ruins.

I WILL not hence urge you to retrace with me (tranquilly you surely cannot) all the footsteps of our valient heroic LEADERS through the distraction both of elements and of war. I will not even pourtray an attempt to reinforce the brave SCHUYLER, then on the borders of Canada; where, if the *war-whoop* of infernals should not strike you with dismay, the *tommahawk* would soon follow!

NOR need I point you to the death-like doors of the hospital in Philadelphia, whose avenues were crouded


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with the sick, the dying and the dead; though myself made one of the unhappy croud!

You have now but the shade of a picture; which neither time nor my abilities will permit me to show you to the life. The haggard fiend, despair, may have stared you in the face, when giving over the pursuit of a favorite, lost child: And it is only in this torture of suspense that we can rightly conceive of its situation.

SUCH is my experience—not that I ever mourned the loss of a child, but that I considered myself as lost! For, on the one hand, if I fell not a victim to the infuriate rabble of a mob, or of a war not yet fully terminated—a disclosure of my peculiar situation seemed infinitely worse than either. And if from stratagem and perseverance, I may acquire as great knowledge in every respect as I have of myself in this, my knowledge, at least of human nature, will be as complete as it is useful.

BUT we will now hasten from the field, from the embattled entrenchments, built for the destruction of man, from a long, desolating war, to contemplate more desirable and delightful scenes. And notwithstanding curiosity may prompt any to retrace the climax of our revolution, the means, under a smiling, superintending providence, by which we have outrode the storms of danger and distress—what heart will forget to expand with joy and gratitude, to beat in unison, at the propitious recollection? And I enquire, what infant tongue can ever forget or cease being taught to lisp the praises of WASHINGTON, and those of that bright constella-

tion of WORTHIES, who swell the list of COLUMBIAN fame—those, by whose martial skill and philanthropic labors, we were first led to behold, after a long and stormy night, the smiling sun of *Peace* burst on our benighted WORLD! And while we drop a tear over the flowery turf of those patriots and sages, may she unrivalled enjoy and encrease her present bright sunshine of happiness! May agriculture and commerce, industry and manufactures, arts and sciences, virtue and decorum, union and harmony—those richest sources of our worth, and strongest pillars of our strength, become stationary, like fixed stars in the firmament, to flourish in her clime!

Hail dearest LIBERTY! thou source sublime!  
What rays refulgent dart upon our clime!  
For thee the direful contest has been waged,  
Our hope, and all that life held dear engaged.  
Thee the prime offspring which my thoughts employ,  
Once sought with grief—now turns that grief to joy.  
Your beatific influence extend  
O'er AFRICA, whose sable race befriend.  
May EUROPE, as our sister-empire, join,  
To hail thee rising with your power divine,  
From the lone cottage to the tyrant's throne,  
May LIBERTY, ethereal guest, be known!  
Be thou preserved for nations yet unborn,  
Fair as the shining Star that decks the morn.

BUT the question again returns—*What particular inducement could she have thus to elope from the soft sphere of her own sex, to perform a deed of valor by way of sacrilege on unhallowed ground—voluntarily to face the storms both of elements and war, in the character of*

*him, who is more fitly made to brave and endure all danger?*

AND dost thou ask what fairy hand inspired  
A *Nymph* to be with martial glory fired?  
Or, what from art, or yet from nature's laws,  
Has join'd a *Female* to her country's cause?  
Why on great Mars's theatre she drew  
Her *female* pourtrait, though in soldier's hue?

THEN ask—why *Cincinnatus* left his farm?  
Why science did old PLATO'S bosom warm?  
Why HECTOR in the Trojan war should dare?  
Or why should HOMER trace his actions there?  
Why NEWTON in philosophy has shown?  
Or CHARLES, for solitude, has left his throne?  
Why LOCKE in metaphysics should delight—  
Precisian sage, to set false reason right?  
Why ALBION'S SONS should kindle up a war?  
Why JOVE or VULCAN hurried on the car?  
Perhaps the same propensity you use,  
Has prompted her a martial course to choose.  
Perhaps to gain refinements where she could,  
This rare achievement for her country's good.  
Or was some hapless *lover* from her torn—  
As EMMA did her valient HAMMON mourn?  
Else he must tell, who would this truth attain,  
Why one is formed for pleasure—one for pain:  
Or, boldly, why our MAKER made us such—  
Why *here* he gives too *little*—*there* too *much*!

I WOULD not purposely evade a a pertinent answer;  
and yet I know not, at present, how to give a more particular one than has already been suggested.

I AM indeed willing to acknowledge what I have done, an error and presumption. I will call it an *error*

and *presumption*, because I swerved from the accustomed flowry paths of *female delicacy*, to walk upon the heroic precipice of feminine perdition!—I indeed left my morning pillow of roses, to prepare a couch of brambles for the night; and yet I awoke from this refreshed, to gather nought but the thorns of anguish for the next night's repose—and in the precipitancy of passion, to prepare a moment for repentance at leisure!

HAD all this been achieved by the rougher hand, more properly assigned to wield the sword in duty and danger in a defensive war, the most cruel in its measures, though important in its consequences; these thorns might have been converted into wreaths of immortal glory and fame. I therefore yield every claim of honor and distinction to the hero and patriot, who met the foe in his own name; though not with more heartfelt satisfaction, with the trophies, which were most to redound to the future grandeur and importance of the country in which he lives.

BUT *repentance* is a sweet solace to conscience, as well as the most complete atonement to the Supreme JUDGE of our offences: notwithstanding the tongue of malevolence and scurrility may be continually preparing its most poisonous ingredients for the punishment of a crime which has already received more than half a pardon.

YET if even this be deemed too much of an extenuation of a breach in the modesty of the *female world*—humilized and contented will I sit down inglorious, for

having unfortunately performed an important part assigned for another—like a bewildered star traversing out of its accustomed orbit, whose twinkling beauty at most has become totally obscured in the presence of the sun.

BUT as the rays of the sun strike the eye with the greatest lustre when emerging from a thick fog, and as those actions which have for their objects the extended hand of charity to the indigent and wretched—to restore a bewildered traveller to light—and, to reform in ourselves any irregular and forlorn course of life; so, allowing myself to be one or the greatest of these, do I still hope for some claim on the indulgence and patronage of the public; as in such case I might be conscious of the approbation of my God.

I CANNOT, contentedly, quit this subject or this place, without expressing, more emphatically, my high respect and veneration for my own SEX. The indulgence of this respectable circle supercedes my merit, as well as my most sanguine expectations. You receive at least in return my warmest gratitude. And though you can neither have, or perhaps need, from me the instructions of the sage, or the advice of the counsellor; you surely will not be wholly indifferent to my most sincere declaration of friendship for that sex, for which this checkered flight of my life may have rendered me the least ornamental example; but which, neither in adversity or prosperity, could I ever learn to forget or degrade.

I TAKE it to be from the greatest extremes both

in virtue and in vice, that the uniformly virtuous and reformed in life can derive the greatest and most salutary truths and impressions.—Who, for example, can contemplate for a moment, the *prodigal*—from the time of his revelry with harlots, to that of his eating husks with swine, and to his final return to his father—without the greatest emotion of disgust, pity and joy? And is it possible to behold the effects of the unprincipled conduct of the *libertine*, the *bacchanalian*, the *debauchee*, and what is more wretched of all, of the emaciated, haggard form of a modern *baggage* in the streets, without bringing into exercise every passion of abhorrence and commiseration? And yet, happy, those, who at the same time receive a monitor which fixes a resolve, never to embark on such a sea of perdition; where we see shipwreck of all that is enobling to the dignity of *man*—all that is lovely and amiable in the character of *woman*!

I CANNOT, indeed bring the adventures, even of the worst part of my own life, as parallels with this black catalogue of crimes. But in whatever I may be thought to have been unnatural, unwise and indelicate, it is now my most fervent desire it may have a suitable impression on you—and on me, a penitent for every wrong thought and step. The rank you hold in the scale of beings is, in many respects, superior to that of man. *Nurses* of his growth, and invariable models of his habits, he becomes a suppliant at your shrine, emulous to please, assiduous to cherish and support, to live and to die for you! *Blossoms* from your very birth, you become his admiration, his joy, his eden companions in

this world.—How important then is it, that these *blossoms* bring forth such *fruit*, as will best secure your own delights and felicity, and those of him, whose every enjoyment, and even his very existence, is so peculiarly interwoven with your own!

ON the whole, as we readily acquiesce in the acknowledgment, that the *field* and the *cabinet* are the proper spheres assigned to our MASTERS and our LORDS; may *we*, also, deserve the dignified title and encomium of MISTRESS and LADY, in our *kitchens* and in our *parlours*. And as an overruling providence may succeed our wishes—let us rear an offspring in every respect worthy to fill the most illustrious stations of their predecessors.





## HISTORICAL SOCIETY GATHERINGS.

April 19, 1904. At the invitation of the Canton Historical Society, some members of the Sharon Society and of the Stoughton Society joined in a Patriot's Day outing. The forenoon was spent in a walk down Billings street and East street to Rockridge cemetery, and thence to McElroy's grove near Massapoag pond. Here a lunch was served and the company then walked through Gun House street to take the electric car homeward on South Main street. Remarks were made by Eugene Tappan at the site of Gen. Benjamin Tupper's birthplace, and by Solomon Talbot at the supposed grave of Edmund Quincy. The day was warm, but in the evening a small blizzard covered the ground with one or two inches of snow.

April 28, 1904. Quarterly meeting of the Society. Vice President D. Webster Pettee in the chair. Twenty-five new members joined. The by-laws were so changed as to hold the summer meeting on the Thursday of Old Home Week, and also to create the office of auditor. Annual reports were received, and the annual election of officers took place. The first publication of the Society was distributed, consisting of a pamphlet of 36 pages, entitled "Publications of the Sharon Historical Society of Sharon, Massachusetts, No. 1, April, 1904."

Its leading article is "Annals of Sharon, by Jeremiah Gould, 1830." William R. Mann read a paper giving reminiscences of Sharon, 1831-1850. James N. Pringle read a communication to the Society from President John G. Phillips about an Italian passenger whom he met on his voyage to Europe. Tea was served at the social half hour.

April 30, 1904. The Corresponding Secretary attended, as delegate, a meeting of the Bay State Historical League at 12 Somerset street, Boston.

June 4, 1904. Several members attended the outing of the Bay State Historical League at Lexington. An address was delivered in the Unitarian Church by Prof. Hart of Harvard College. Rev. C. A. Staples escorted the assembly over the Common and to the house of the Lexington Historical Society, and explained matters of interest.

Aug. 4, 1904. Old Home Week, outing in the forenoon to Moose Hill. Forty-five persons were in the party, having 7 carriages besides a barge. An abandoned burial ground (Lothrop) was examined. At the cellar of the old Morse house, Henry F. Talbot read a description of the place, and of the Smith place on Moose Hill, written by Solomon Talbot. Leonard Billings came out on to his piazza at the foot of the hill and played on a violin manufactured by himself.

In the evening, the quarterly meeting was held in the upper Town Hall. Vice-President D. Webster Pettee in the chair. Sixteen new members joined. Resolutions were passed on the deaths of two members, Frederick L. Holbrook, who died June 16th, and William Oscar

Arnold, who died July 18th. Henry F. Talbot read a description of old Sharon homesteads written by his father, Solomon Talbot. Miss Elmira S. Winship read a paper written by her mother, Mrs. Adaliza A. (Johnson) Winship, entitled "Trip over Moose Hill Road." Both writers were in the audience. Rev. T. Frank Waters, President of the Ipswich Historical Society, delivered an address on the value of an historical society. Music was furnished by Keach's orchestra of Boston.

September 22, 1904. The officers of the Society called in the evening upon Vice-President Solomon Talbot, at his house on Maskwonicut Street, to congratulate him on reaching the age of ninety years. Timothy F. Quinn made an address presenting a Doulton ware pitcher marked "Solomon Talbot, 1904." On the side is a picture of a vessel sailing, and Mr. Quinn referred to Mr. Talbot's still being at the helm. Response was made by Mr. Talbot, who afterwards spoke about the ancient families of the town. Refreshments were served by the ladies of the family.

October 27, 1904. Quarterly meeting of the Society in the upper Town Hall. President John G. Phillips in the chair. Fourteen new members joined. A resolution was passed on the death of a member, Mrs. Eunice L. Gay, who died September 5th, aged 86 years, 9 months, 19 days. During the intermission, Eugene Tappan, addressed the President in a congratulatory manner on his return home with his family from a prolonged visit in Europe, at the close presenting him with a gavel made from the newel post of the staircase in the house of his birth. Mr. Phillips responded in a

feeling manner, and testified to his joy in once more being present with his friends in Sharon.

Rev. Anson Titus of Somerville, delivered an address on Old Provincial days with especial reference to Madam Sarah Knight of Boston, who 200 years ago rode on horseback through Sharon and lodged at Ebenezer Billings's tavern on her trip from Boston to New York. Singing was furnished by a double quartet with Cassius C. Stearns, director, who rendered "Ode on Science," "Invitation" and "Keller's American Hymn."

January 18, 1905. By invitation of the Somerville Historical Society, the Corresponding Secretary attended a meeting of that Society, in the Oliver Tufts house on Sycamore street, and spoke of the work being done by the Sharon Society.

January 26, 1905. Quarterly meeting of the Society. President John G. Phillips in the chair. Tea was served, with music by Everett C. Stanton, pianist, and Robert Tappan on the mandolin. Seven new members joined. John G. Phillips delivered an address on Pole Plain, an ancient name for the vicinity, giving some reasons for referring the origin of the term to connection with William Pole and his sister Elizabeth Pole, early settlers in Dorchester and later in Taunton. A short discussion followed. There had been a blizzard the previous day with cold and drifts of snow. Thirty-three persons, however, attended the meeting. A gift presented by Charles E. Hall was explained by the president, being a section of wall paper taken from the Capen house on Massapoag street. The paper on which the design was printed proved to be

sheets of an ancient French pamphlet. All the meetings of the year were closed with singing "Auld Lang Syne."

February 25, 1905. The President attended a meeting of the Bay State Historical League at 12 Somerset street, Boston.

## MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

The plan of an historical scrap book was explained in Publications No. 1 of the Society, and 31 contributions were there acknowledged. Thirty of these with additional articles have been substantially bound in half morocco, making a book  $8\frac{1}{2}$  inches by  $10\frac{7}{8}$  inches, and  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch thick. The additional articles are,—

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|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|------------------------------|
| Philip Curtis's Firewood             | - | - | - | - | Clara E. Curtis              |
| Sharon Hydraulic Water Works         | - | - | - | - | Charles S. Curtis            |
| My early school days at North Sharon | - | - | - | - | Amanda M. Eddy               |
| Trip to Sharon after forty years     | - | - | - | - | George F. Leonard            |
| The Tisdales of Easton and others    | - | - | - | - | Loring W. Puffer             |
| Uncle Daniel Fuller                  | - | - | - | - | Catherine A. Shedd           |
| Sharon Land Owners in 1798           | - | - | - | - | Eugene Tappan                |
| Drawing of a Sharon front door       | - | - | - | - | Robert Tappan                |
| First acquaintance with Sharon       | - | - | - | - | Rufus B. Tobey               |
| A little Rebellion history           | - | - | - | - | George H. Whittemore         |
| Trip over Moose Hill road            | - | - | - | - | Adaliza A. (Johnson) Winship |
| Our Calendar, Baptist Church         | - | - | - | - | Emma A. Baker                |
| How they earned the Dollar           | - | - | - | - | Eliza L. White               |
| First Episcopalian service in Sharon | - | - | - | - | William W. Doherty           |
| Massapoag Pond in Lunenburg          | - | - | - | - | William H. Putnam            |

An index is added containing 500 names of persons besides other references. The book is entitled "Scrap Book, Volume 1." Volume 2 is nearly ready, and 2

table of its contents will be given in the next number of the Publications.

In continuation of the purpose of the Society to encourage the practice of getting acquainted with the historic and natural features of Sharon, an Outing Committee has been appointed consisting of the following gentlemen:—Col. Edmund H. Hewins, chairman, A. Alden Carpenter, Charles S. Curtis, Benjamin Reynolds, and Henry F. Talbot.

The Society considers Old Home week to be an ideal occasion for holding one of its quarterly meetings. This week in Massachusetts is appointed by statute law to commence on the last Sunday of July in every year. The next quarterly meeting of the Sharon Society will be held on Thursday evening of that week, August 3, 1905, in the town hall. An outing will also be taken during the same week.

Other meetings of the Society will be held October 26, 1905, January 25 and April 26, 1906. As the next January meeting falls on the anniversary of the birthday of Robert Burns, due recognition will then be taken of that event.

The Sharon Historical Society is deeply grateful for the appreciation shown by its sister societies and many friends, and for the valuable aid and encouragement given. The purpose of the Society to issue a printed annual publication has been warmly commended, and the Society is cheered in continuing this important line of work. To meet the anticipated call for the reprint of Deborah Sampson Gannett's address, the principal article in the present annual, there has been pre-

pared for sale a special edition of the reprint of the address and the secretary's introduction. This forms a thin book bound in calf back and boards, with gilt top and uncut edges, the price of which is seventy-five cents, postage prepaid.

A full program of each quarterly meeting is issued before the meeting, and will be sent to societies and friends who request it. Their attendance on the Sharon meetings would be highly appreciated.

The Sharon Historical Society needs a Home for its records and collections and for a place of meeting for members and visitors. Held in lasting remembrance will be the honored name of that man or woman who so loves Sharon as to build an historical house for the Society.

Friends of Sharon are requested to forward to the officers of the Society any information they acquire concerning the town. Early documents and letters, old newspapers references, and diaries are desired. Information will also be acceptable respecting the former existence of moose, and the origin of the names "Pole Plain" and "Sharon." Accounts are wanted of migrations of Sharon families to Maine 100 years ago and to the west 75 years ago. The exact identification and proof of the birthplace of Deborah Sampson in Plympton, information as to the site of Wainman's Ordinary, memoranda about Jonathan Billings, Rev. Philip Curtis and other forefathers of Sharon, would be gladly received. The corresponding secretary, on request, will furnish suitable sheets prepared for the Scrap Book. While asking the assistance of others, the Sharon society



is willing to respond, as it is able, to inquiries received from others also.

### Officers of the Historical Society.

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### GIFTS TO THE SOCIETY.

Alvin R. Alden, Sharon. Newspaper clippings.

Francis E. Blake, Boston.

Dorchester Neck.

Lucy Keyes, the lost child of Wachusett Mountain.

Increase Blake.

All written by Mr. Blake.

Mrs. Ellen A. Bond, Sharon. Photographs found in the stump of a tree.

George Ernest Bowman, Boston. *The Mayflower Descendant*, (quarterly) January, 1905.

Abram English Brown, Bedford. *Flag of the Minute Men*, by Mr. Brown.

William Child, M. D., Bath, N. H. *History of 5th N. H. Regiment*, by Dr. Child.

Rev. A. R. Crane, D. D., Hebron, Maine. *Centennial of Maine Baptist Convention* (Allusion to Rev. Oliver Billings, a native of Sharon.)

Alton Crosby, Willmar, Minn. Reprint of *Chronicle*, (Washington) Feb. 2, 1864.

Charles S. Curtis, Sharon. Transactions of Norfolk Agricultural Society, 1850-1861, and old newspapers.

Alfred Morton Cutler, Somerville. Historic Festival in Somerville, 1898.

William R. Cutter, Woburn.

By-laws of Rumford Historical Association.

Dover Historical and Natural History Society, Dover.

Old Home Day in Dover, 1903.

George Francis Dow, Salem. Essex Institute Hist. Collection, July, 1904.

Mrs. Isabelle F. French, Dedham.

Manual on Mulberry tree and Silk culture, by Mrs. French's father, Jonathan Holmes Cobb, formerly of Sharon.

Petition to straighten North Main Street, 1831, with 25 signatures.

George W. Gay Estate, Sharon.

Torch light carried by Mr. Gay in the Lincoln campaign.

Old kitchen utensils. Set of iron skewers.

Old papers and magazines. Godey's Lady's Book, 1841.

National Reader, 1827, marked "Eunice L. Dewing, Sharon, Dec. 20th, 1827."

The Young Orator, 1833.

Mrs. Harriet F. Gray, Walpole. Sermon at ordination of Rev. Jonathan Whitaker in Sharon, Feb. 27, 1799, by Rev. Abiel Holmes of Cambridge.

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James Hewins, Medfield.

Celebration of 250th anniversary, 1901.

A visit to an early Homestead. A Sunday in the old meeting house. The last two written by William S. Tilden.

Col. Edmund H. Hewins, Sharon. Old psalm tune book.

Don Gleason Hill, Dedham. Old Dedham Days and Ways, 1904.

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Deed, Thayer to Johnson, 1797, Massapoag iron mine.

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William R. Mann, Sharon. Badge of Medway Old Home Week, 1904.

Medford Historical Society, Medford. *Historical Register*, published quarterly.

Rev. Edmund F. Merriam, D. D., Sharon.

American Baptist Missionary Union, by Dr. Merriam.

Also pamphlets by him, on missionary subjects.

Nantucket Historical Association, Nantucket.

Nantucket Lands and Land Owners.

Proceedings of annual meeting, 1904.

National Shawmut Bank, Boston. 200 year calendar.

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Walter Gilman Page, Boston. Register of Society of Sons of the Revolution, 1903.

John G. Phillips, Sharon.

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James N. Pringle, Sharon. History of United States, by John H. Hinton, 1834. (vol. 1.)

Dr. Loring W. Puffer, Brockton.

Reminiscences of Easton, in *The Parish Visitor*.

Town Records of Bridgewater, entered by John Cary.

Copy of deed from Charles Josiah, Indian Sachem, indorsed, "This deed is not valed nor valebel in law the lawyers say."

Three pence bill, 1778. Old \$3.00 bill of Vermont State Bank.

Receipts given by Capt. Edward Bridge Savell to John Drake, Jr., and Archippus Drake, July 11, 1776, for £3 each, "towards paying soldiers for the present expedition."

Collection of old deeds and legal papers, 1740-1816.

Nathan P. Sanborn, Marblehead.

Gen. John Glover and his Regiment, by Mr. Sanborn.

By-laws of Historical Society of Marblehead, 1899.

Sharon Club, Sharon. Souvenir programs of annual entertainments, 1902-1905.

Rev. Amos N. Somers, Sharon. Photograph of Decatur & Alden's real estate office, Central Square. (1885.)

Somerville Historical Society, Somerville. *Historic Leaves*, Jan. 1904. Quarterly published by the Society.

Miss Elizabeth Tamblyn, Sharon. Old fire shovel.

Eugene Tappan, Sharon.

Suffolk Registers of Probate by John T. Hassam.

Address on 250th anniversary of incorporation of Malden, by Arthur H. Wellman.

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Roger Tappan, Sjundea, Finland. Finland newspapers.

Gilbert Thompson, Washington, D. C.

Register of the Society of Colonial Wars, D. C., 1904.

Historical Military Powder-Horns.

Some U. S. topographical maps.

Rufus B. Tobey, Boston.

Photograph frame carved by a Boer prisoner at Bermuda.

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The Man with the Branded Hand (Prize essay in Harwich  
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Mrs. Mary F. Randall Washburn, Worcester.

Warrant to tax collector of Sharon, 1832.

Promissory note, 1802, with 2 four-cents revenue stamps.

Warrant to John F. Randall as musician in Capt. Friend  
Drake's company, 1824.

Two accounts, 1826. John Randall's highway tax, 1801.

Old Newspaper clipping about Roxbury, "There is not a  
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Thomas F. Waters, Ipswich.

Hotel Cluny of a New England Village.

An Old Ipswich House.

Thomas Weston, Newton. History of Eliot Church in New-  
ton, by Rev. Joshua W. Wellman.

George H. Whittemore, Sharon.

*Independent Chronicle and Universal Advertiser*, Boston, May  
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Report of Medfield town officers, 1885, with valuation list.

Report of Trustees of Public Reservations, 1891 and 1892.

War Revenue Tax, 1898.

Reports of town of Sharon, 1892.

Memorial day in Canton and Sharon, 1884.

Essay on Man, 1832; Hymns for Infant minds, 1815; Ser-  
mons to the rich and studious on Temperance and Exercise, 1772;  
Faith and Covenant of Baptist Church, 1838; Sunday School  
Class Book, 1859.

Appraisal of estate of Widow Judith Bullard, 1810.

Letters of administration on estate of Benjamin Bullard, 1779.

Woburn Public Library, Woburn. Trustees' Report, 1903.

## MEMBERSHIP OF THE SHARON HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

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## REVIEW OF THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS,

BY JOHN G. PHILLIPS,

PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY.

A review of the year, while it shows in a frank manner what has been done, also encourages the society in its efforts to do another year's work. The study of the work done will lead to discrimination in the choice of suitable work for the future.

In closing the records of three years of continued growth, the Sharon Historical Society feels that it has passed the experimental period of life and may justly claim a right to enter the ranks with those which are looked up to, as entitled to speak with some authority. But this comparative maturity by no means indicates that its full growth has been reached or its final work accomplished. On the contrary, it is the work that has not been done, but for which the experience of the past serves as an inspiration, that may well be our cause for congratulation.

Starting in 1903 with limited numbers and modest enthusiasm, our society has never been a precocious child to attract the wonder and at the same time the fears of its friends; but we feel that its development has been, in every respect, a normal one, steady and

sure, giving promise of a long existence and a well rounded character.

While we take just satisfaction in viewing the past, our expectations for the coming years are even more deserving of interest. We have undoubtedly learned much that has been of assistance from the experiences of sister organizations. It has been our aim, not to imitate other societies, but to appropriate from them only that which seemed to us of especial value in a general way, while making a careful study of our own individual condition and environment, and marking out such a course as seemed best for ourselves.

In some respects we may have pursued a somewhat unusual, if not altogether original, course for an historical society; but this experience has taught us that novelty is not only not incompatible with usefulness but may even be a potent means to that desired end.

Having in mind the familiar adage that "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," we have adopted at our quarterly meetings the method of mingling exercises of a popular, though not inharmonious character, with those which indicate the serious purposes of our society; and the results seem to show good judgment.

Our earlier meetings were held in the small hall of the town house, but of late the growing attendance has justified us in making use of the main hall for the quarterly meetings of the past year. These meetings have been held in April, August, October and January. The times for holding these proved to be acceptable. The fourth Thursday in January is much better than a date earlier in that busy month; the fourth Thursday in

April and in October are in settled weather and do not conflict with other gatherings; and the meeting on the Thursday of Old Home Week is one of the best of the year, being very appropriate to the time.

The meeting of April 27th, 1905, was the annual meeting at which the reports of the several officers were read, and the president gave a general review of the work of the year. Nine new members were admitted and the previous officers of the society were re-elected. Mr. Frederic Endicott, of Canton, the guest of the evening, presented a paper giving a description of the shores of Massapoag, and Mrs. Mann read an account of life in Sharon sixty years ago, written by our vice-president William R. Mann. The exercises were interspersed with music; the Concord Hymn of Emerson, set to original music by Mr. C. C. Stearns, who on this occasion played the accompaniment, was sung by a local quartette, and during the intermission refreshments were served. This meeting was of a distinctly local character.

Quite different was the meeting of August third in Old Home Week. After the usual business meeting, at which eleven new members were admitted, his Honor Lieutenant-Governor Guild delivered a most entertaining and appropriate address, which was followed by an informal reception. During the evening there was singing by a picked quartette. The society invited the public to attend and join in the reception to the distinguished guest, and the occasion was a popular event.

The October meeting was held as appointed with Hon. James H. Flint, Judge of Probate Court of Norfolk County, the guest of the evening, who delivered an

interesting address. A list of gifts to the society was read and also a record of the doings for the last quarter. Instrumental and vocal music was rendered. Tea was served during the intermission, which was followed by a paper by the president of the society on the origin of the several historic names of the town. Eight new members were admitted. This meeting was mainly one of local interest.

At the mid-winter meeting of January 25th, 1906, six new members were admitted; and after the usual business had been transacted, the popular exercises were in order. The date of this meeting happened to fall upon the anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns, and was appropriately celebrated as the "Burns Festival." Rev. Edward A. Chase of Wollaston delivered a scholarly address upon the life and works of the poet, and that bonny son of Scotland, Mr. John R. Anderson, delighted the audience with Burns recitations and dialect stories. A fine quartette sang Scotch songs. The refreshments consisted of tea and Scotch scones, served by young ladies clad in Scotch plaids; and every one of the large audience present, including the public which was generously invited, was an enthusiastic son or daughter of one or another Scottish clan for the evening.

The town of Sharon is of ordinary historical interest, and of average size as to territory, presenting perhaps rather more than the usual diversity of surface, and geological interest and scenic beauty for eastern Massachusetts, with few markedly interesting features; but to the careful observer, much may be discovered to attract the attention of the student of science or of history.

The old abandoned iron mines and foundry sites which mark the chief claims to historical recognition, the lakes and beds of primitive lakes, the geological eskars and glacial hills and boulders, are an interesting study; and the ancient cellars and family grave yards, eloquent of the life and the succession of generations of our original settlers, and the forgotten paths of our ancestors, are all worthy of the attention of the sons and daughters of today. The unusual variety of forest trees is also worthy of notice.

All these considerations invite the members of the Sharon Historical Society to take rambles from time to time over the domains of their own town. The Historical Society last year conducted nine interesting outings. Such excursions are admirably fitted to inculcate town patriotism, as they promote appreciation and love for the rocks and rills and woods of the home environment and give the opportunity of study at first hand in local history. Books do not teach all.

"One impulse from a vernal wood  
May teach you more of man,  
Of moral evil and of good,  
Than all the sages can."

On May 13th, 1905, eight persons, our two venerable vice-presidents among the number, started from the Square and walked about a mile to the saw-mill. The special objects of interest were the old Savel's Tavern; the site of the school house, the next to the oldest in the village, near the corner of the lot where now stands the Congregational Church; the house occupied by Rev. Philip Curtis, the first minister of the first parish, built

about 1754; the cellar of the old Deacon Estey house; the site of the first school house where the old men and the women and children gathered on June 17th, 1775, to watch the smoke and hear the booming of the cannon from the battle of Bunker Hill.

On May 27th, a walk was taken by a party of twelve, who visited the old dam and the ruins of the old hydraulic works near the railroad station, and several ancient houses of interest, returning by a romantic path through the pines.

The third ramble on June 10th was enjoyed by twelve ladies and gentlemen. The party took the electric cars to Cobb's Corner where the historical Cobb's Tavern was viewed. From there the walk began, past the beautiful grove of hemlock trees, up Bay Street to the old Belcher homestead, thence to Devil's Rock and Devil's Bridge on Massapoag Brook, where a lady of the party sang the song, "Meet Me by the Running Brook."

Sixteen persons made up the party for the ramble of June 24th, through North Main, Maskwonicut, Richards and Canton Streets. Mr. Solomon Talbot was the leader, who gave an interesting description of the old saw-mill which stood in 1737 near the present railroad bridge. Chestnut Tree Cemetery was then visited and the epitaphs on the ancient headstones deciphered. A stop was made at the Talbot home where refreshments were hospitably served and the party returned by the trolley cars.

The Old Home Week outing of August 4th was the chief undertaking in the line of rambles, when the



Historical Society conducted a large party of members and guests to the ruins of the Revolutionary foundry of 1770, situated near the Foxborough line. The trip was made in barges. An interesting historical paper was read.

The sixth ramble on September 9th was undertaken part of the way on foot and partly by carriages. A party of twenty-one persons paid a visit to Rock Ridge Cemetery where are located the graves of Deborah Sampson and Edmund Quincy, and to the site of the birth place of General Benjamin Tupper, all of Revolutionary renown. From here the top of the ridge was followed through the woods a mile or more to Massapoag Pond. A letter from George W. Field, Ph. D., was read, giving a scientific account of the formation of this geological eskar. The return was made by carriages through Pond Street.

On September 23d a party of twenty-four took a trip to Massapoag, and Mr. Frederic Endicott of Canton explained the peculiar formation of the banks at the north end of the pond. A sail about the pond was enjoyed in the launch, "Marion," and several interesting historical houses and sites were visited on the way home through Gunhouse and South Main Streets.

On October 14th thirty-six people took a drive northerly to the site of the old Roebuck Tavern and from there over the old Post Road of Colonial days, five miles, to the site of the old Billings Tavern in the extreme south part of Sharon. On the way home a stop was made by invitation at the club house near Wolomolopoag Pond.

Thirty-seven people took a walk on October 28th, the last ramble of the season. A visit was made to the old Ellis place and to the ruins of the dam and iron forge, across the railroad track on Beaver Hole Brook. On the return across the fields, once a part of the farm of the first minister, a pause was made at the house of the president of the society, where afternoon tea was served and a pleasant half hour passed.

Both the quarterly meetings and the field days of the society are improved in a literary way by a narrative of the occurrence, written by a member and published in the town newspaper.

As long as the interest continues in these rambles, it seems wise to conduct them. Last year two rambles a month in May, June, September and October, with another ramble in Old Home Week, were well patronized; and the directors have planned for the present year a list of eleven outings which is printed elsewhere in this number. All persons living on the routes taken in these outings are especially asked to join in the excursions and give to the ramblers the peculiar information which they possess of points of interest on the routes. The interest in these rambles increased very noticeably during the season of 1905, passing from the experimental stage to that of assured success.

Volumes two and three of the Scrap Book have been bound during the past year. Volume four is nearing completion. Thus permanency is reasonably secured for the books, which, although not published as the cost is too great, are substantially bound and ought to last for generations, furnishing a rich store house for future

historians, as well as matter for occasional readings in meetings and on outings.

We urge members and friends to investigate some subject of town interest and make a written report in the form of a contribution to the Scrap Book. Will members please notice that what is desired is not necessarily what they already know, but a narrative of something desirable to be investigated and perhaps now quite unknown, but remaining to be investigated and then written up. The historian's work is not the machine work of writing from memory or copying merely, though that is valuable, but it is the investigation, the search for sources of information, the comparison of different accounts, and the sifting of evidence, and finally the logical arrangement and interesting manner of writing the narrative. Apart from the value of the result obtained will be the delight in the search of truth, and the pleasure in the exercise of the mental operations of comparison, judgment and luminous expression in composition.

Our society has joined the Bay State Historical League within the past year. This tends to the stability of the local society and gives a broader outlook. Federation has proved useful in other lines, and will no doubt prove so in historical lines. New England is peculiar in having historical societies in its small towns. Federation is the more necessary here to promote life and good work.

In this connection, it is to be noted that the American Historical Association, a highly respectable body incorporated by Congress, in whose printing office its

reports are printed, holds its national meeting this next December in the near-by city of Providence. The zeal of our society should be exhibited in a considerable attendance at the meetings which cover several days; and we would be glad to entertain in our homes some of the guests of that gathering if we can secure their good company. The society is indebted to our efficient Congressman, Hon. John W. Weeks, for the gift of annual reports of this national association containing over twenty-four hundred pages.

The subjects mentioned in this paper by no means include all the work that our society could do. Without neglecting the interesting matter already begun and still in progress, such as enthusiasm in attendance upon the meetings, and participation in the historical excursions, and contribution in writing and gifts, there are other interesting lines of work for the future. A collection of plans of lands, history of titles of estates such as an examiner of titles could compose, and abstract of probate proceedings at Dedham in Sharon estates from 1793 to 1878, for which an index of names is already furnished in the Scrap Book, photographs of houses in Sharon, copies of family registers in old Bibles, are to be desired. Another piece of work which the busiest or the idlest person can, without much trouble, furnish, is to inform the officers of the society of the existence and whereabouts of historical matter, of letters, diaries, account books, memoranda and relics. It is not infrequently the case that some fact of importance, well-known to a few, is unknown to all others.

Each member can help the society by some effort

to enlist the interest of natives of Sharon residing outside the town and many other non-residents who, for one reason or another, are connected with Sharon.

Association with neighboring historical societies by the interchange of visits at the meetings has been thought of by the officers, but remains to be carried out. A simple plan to effect this association would be to invite specially to each regular meeting a delegation from some one kindred society and to send delegations from our own society, from time to time, to the meetings of other societies. In this way, as the clergy phrase it, we could do good and get good.

The Sharon Historical Society does not exist for the mere purpose of work, but for the purpose of doing its appropriate work. A considerable share of such work concerns this town alone, but there is also a line of work in town history which is a part of national history. To thoroughly understand the life, character and achievements of the fore-father, of the soldier in the Colonial, Revolutionary and Civil wars, of the minister, the school master and the yeoman of olden time, is to understand in a most vital way, the history of our glorious country.

The president desires to express indebtedness to the corresponding secretary for his substantial encouragement in the preparation of this paper, and feels himself in honor bound to recognize and publicly acknowledge, his very material assistance and contribution, without which, this review could not have been written.

## MASSAPOAG POND BANK.

BY FREDERIC ENDICOTT, OF CANTON.

When the town of Dorchester received the "New Grant beyond the Blew Hills," the most prominent topographical features of the newly acquired territory were Blue and Moose hills, and Ponkapoag and Massapoag ponds. The iron mines, several of which were near Massapoag pond, were supposed to be very valuable. The lands next in value were the meadows all ready to furnish hay, and the cedar swamps heavily wooded with large trees suitable for splitting up into posts and rails.

You will occasionally see a white cedar rail from this old growth, but they are now scarce. The second growth cedars are not nearly as good, as even fifty years of growth only give a soft tree without wearing qualities. I do not remember more than two or three of the primeval cedars, and they were cut long since.

As a consequence of the value of these swamps, meadows and iron mines, the surveys and plans of them were carefully made and coincide very closely with surveys of the same lands made at the present time. The maps of the two general partitions of common lands, called the Twelve Divisions and the Twenty-five Divisions were necessarily more roughly made. Massapoag pond was situated between these two sections and is only roughly sketched on either of them; but several

of the swamps and small lots which were accurately surveyed and shown by plans on a much larger scale, adjoin the pond at its northwesterly and southeasterly portions. Ponkapoag and Massapoag ponds, in common with other great ponds (that is, natural ponds of over ten acres in extent), were surrounded by pond banks of which I shall speak later.

In December, 1870, I made for the Revere Copper Company a survey of Massapoag Pond showing the line of the water as it then stood, and the ancient line of the pond at the edge of the pond bank. At this time only the first ripple of the real estate wave had reached its shores, so that the pond bank was nearly in its original state. There were only a few houses near the pond. On the east side was the Boyden house; at the northeast was the Lake House, and near it Mr. Otis Johnson's house. On the north shore were Mr. Stillman Morse's and two others; and, near where the Boston Ice Company's ice-houses stood at a later time, were Mr. Warren M. Holmes's and the Snow house.

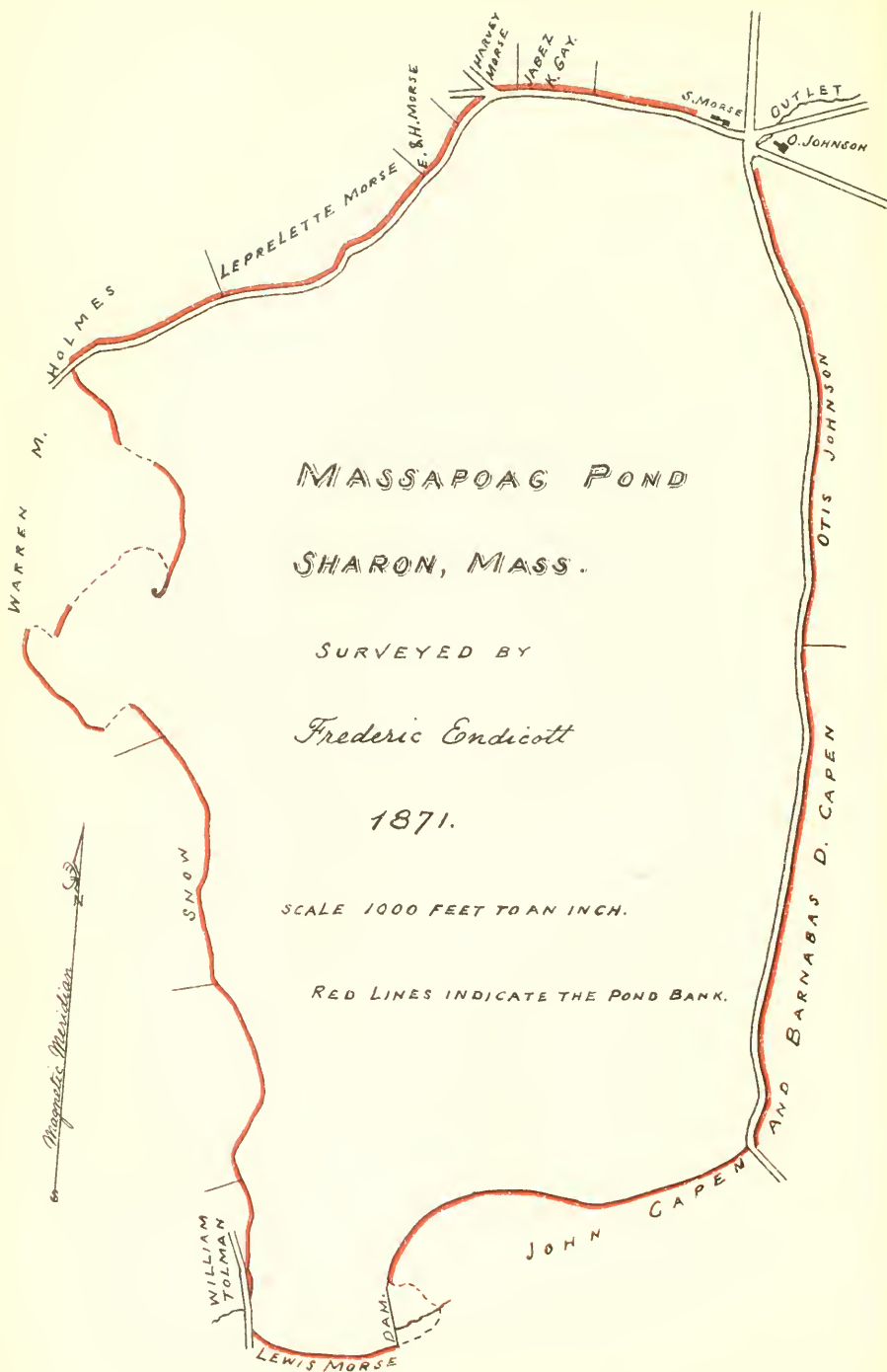
The streets were mostly built upon the beach of the pond. In the records of the Proprietors of Common Lands in the New Grant, we find that Mr. John Capen, (and I think others,) petitioned for liberty to use the shores of the pond for a way from his house to the rest of the town. The Proprietors kindly granted his request, although they had no rights in the matter at all, as the land below high water mark belonged to the province or state, and all above high water mark had already been granted to individuals. As the beach was dry enough to be used as a roadway, it appears likely



that the pond had at that time been drawn somewhat lower than its natural level.

At the time of my survey, one of the objects was to get the lines of the pond bank; and from that cause I took much more notice of its formation than I otherwise should have done. Where high land came down close to the pond, the bank was merely pushed up against the hill, as is seen near the site of the Boston Ice Company's ice-houses, now burned down. Where the land adjoining the pond was low, the bank was a ridge or bank ten feet more or less wide at the top and two or three feet high, with slopes both toward the pond and away from it. This was the case where the road to the hotel passes over the pond bank at the Sandy beach, and also where the swamp adjoins the pond at its northwest corner.

At the northeast corner of the pond the bank had been obliterated by the streets running from the pond in three directions and by the building of Mr. Morse's house. In 1871 the town widened the road along the east side of the pond, beginning the work about the first of November, and this obliterated nearly or quite all the bank on that side. From the gate house to Mr. Morrell's house (then Boyden's), there was almost a continuous bank, sloped on both sides; and upon the top of the bank were several large chestnut trees, one of them whose rings I counted being 128 years old. There were also several large hemlocks, one of them 98 years old, and a so-called hornbeam, properly a tupelo. These trees were cut down, and the material composing the bank was used in grading the street.



The improvements around the hotel have smoothed out the distinctive characteristics of the bank at that place, and filled in a gap which existed in the original bank, where in 1870 there were a dam and flume holding back the waters of the stream which flows from the swamp back of the hotel. The building of the Burkhardt ice-houses and railroad swept away the most interesting part of the bank, as at this point were the largest boulders on the borders of the pond. These were shattered by dynamite, one of the nitroglycerine compounds made, I think, by Carl Dittmar. The boulders were six or eight feet high, as I recollect them, and composed of the peculiarly crystallized white and greenish stone so abundant in the neighborhood. There have also been smaller changes in several places. The question naturally arises,—what are the causes of pond banks? They all have the same general characteristics, showing that they are pushed up by some mighty force. If there are boulders even of considerable size, they are pushed along to high water mark, and sand and gravel are thrown up at the borders of the pond. The force of the waves of a small pond could not move even the smallest of these boulders. We know that the freezing of water in the joints of a rock will split it to pieces, and that the same effect would be produced in the strongest cannon; but in these cases the water is confined in every direction. Glaciers carry along every thing before them and deposit rocks and gravel as terminal moraines, but their motion is supposed to be due to the force of gravity acting on ice capable of flowing very slowly down hill.

Those of us who have lived within hearing of a large pond in winter are familiar with the booming of the ice in a very cold night ; and, if skaters, may have found by sad experience that great cracks are formed in the ice at such times. Passing over the pond next day we shall find that the water in these cracks has frozen solid, and the day after that we may find more cracks filled up in the same way, some of them perhaps crossing the first. The fissures are caused by the unequal contraction of the ice, some parts cooling faster than others.

On a bright sunshiny day following one of these cold nights, if we are on the ice at the edge of the pond we may hear it grinding over the pebbles as it expands by the heat from the sun's rays. By fastening one end of a pole upon the shore with stones, and letting the other end extend out over the ice, we may perceive the motion of the ice under the end of the pole. This action of contracting, filling the cracks with ice and then expanding, keeps on as long as freezing weather lasts. The net expansion of the ice is equal to the sum of the widths of all the cracks ; and as some of these will measure three or four inches, the expansion is considerable. As the ice sometimes attains a thickness of 18 inches or more and lies in a uniformly flat sheet, it can push a very large rock before it. In this way the boulders, sand and gravel are carried along, and as the pond in its natural state maintained a nearly uniform level, the pond bank was gradually formed.

The original bank was probably finished years before the country was settled ; but since the water has

been drawn down, boulders which were before too low to be taken, have been caught by the ice at a lower level and moved along many feet. As they were carried along they cut a furrow in the bottom of the pond, and this may be seen at several places when the pond is down, the furrow running from the boulder towards the centre of the pond.

As will be seen from the map, there were two breaks in the pond bank both showing that they were caused by a force acting from the direction of the centre of the pond. At the extreme southerly end of the pond where the old flume stood, the bank which curves around to the south protected the land up towards the swamp and made the break which is seen. Also, where the pond makes in towards the swamp behind the Burkhardt ice-houses, there is a break at each side of the bay, and we find a piece of a bank with many boulders several hundred feet further inland. This bank still exists in its natural state and can be easily found.

At the present time many natural features are disappearing, more or less rapidly. Streams are being taken up as water supplies; ridges or glacial moraines are used for filling up land or building roads, and many other changes are taking place. Historical societies have a peculiar interest in preserving a memory of those things that are passing away, and in this paper I have endeavored to record a remembrance of one of these minor features which has been nearly destroyed.

## A FIRE-PROOF HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUILDING.

BY ROBERT TAPPAN.

In recent years many historical societies have been formed in New England country towns, and it is a matter of great concern with them where to bestow their goods. In some cases an old-time wooden building is appropriated, which, while fit for such use on account of its antiquity, is not safe for its contents, except as some valuables are specially secured in safes or vaults. The town hall may afford accommodation, though town halls, like city halls, are none too large for usual municipal purposes; and there is the chance that as the needs of the town increase, the historical society may have leave to withdraw. Moreover, the rural town hall is constantly let for fairs, plays, dances and other assemblies, rendering it less secure from fires.

Owning a handsome fire-proof building of its own would contribute to the growth and perpetuity of the society. Choice relics will more readily be given to the society when it is seen that they can be thus kept more safely than their owners can keep them. Such a structure would confer distinction upon the society. While it would be a museum of great interest to the townspeople and returning sons and daughters, it would afford a proper place for study on the part of officers and his-

torical students, and form a centre of interest in the village where it is erected.

This historical building is wanted now, while the society is young and flourishing and doing good work. The most serious objection is the supposed cost. But if it can be shown that a practicable structure can be built for a few thousand dollars, a young society might take heart and get the building, doing all it could itself and receiving assistance from its friends outside the town. For those living in many an old country settlement are not as numerous as those living away from the old homesteads and still interested in the town's welfare from reasons of kinship or former residence.

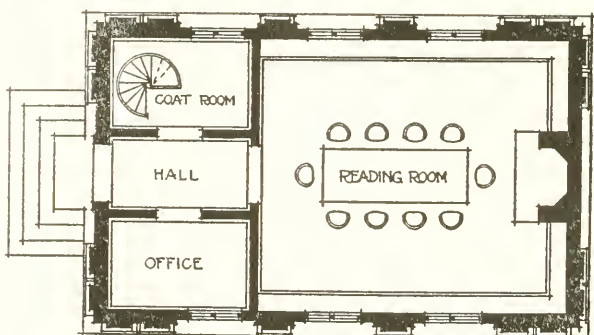
The frontispiece and plan here given are presented with the above statements in mind. Concrete is chosen as the building material on account of its strength and ease of handling, and also because the entire house, walls and floors, may be built of it. The style is colonial, very appropriate for the use to which the building will be put, as it suggests at once the earlier period of our nation's history. The familiar Holden Chapel at Harvard College was in mind when this sketch was made, as its design made it both appropriate and possible to be followed in a small structure of this sort. The white arcaded walls and red tile roof, with a background of foliage, would make an interesting picture in any country town.

Stepping inside the building, we enter a small hall. On each side is a door. The one on the right leads into a little office, big enough, however, for a desk, chair and a small safe. Visitors might register here. The room



on the left of the hall gives access to the basement by a small circular stairway. The walls of this room may be used for hanging coats and wraps.

At the end of the front hall is the principal apartment, the reading room. This room is about 18 feet wide by 20 feet long. Space is arranged on three sides of the room for drawers, with exhibition or other cases above reaching to the sills of the windows. At the end of the reading room is a great four-feet fireplace of concrete. This serves a double purpose, for besides its use for warmth and cheer, it affords ventilation for the



room. In the centre a large reading table may be placed. There is ample wall space for pictures above the cases and on the front wall of the room.

In the basement several things might be done. The whole floor space could be one large room used for storage of the more bulky gifts ; or it might be divided into three rooms, a storage room, a heating room and a large vault for valuables. The basement would be lighted, in either case, by small area windows not show-

ing above grade. The entire structure is small in area, covering about 600 square feet.

Below is printed an estimate of the cost of this building. It is interesting as it shows in a detailed way how thoroughly fireproof a small historical society building could be built for a comparatively little sum. Certain items might for economy's sake be omitted, reducing somewhat the cost.

BOSTON, April 11, 1906.

We estimate the cost of an Historical Society Building and according to sketches submitted to us to be built entirely of re-enforced concrete, to be the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000). We have estimated on the following items of work for the building : Excavations, footings, foundation wall, basement floor with granolithic top, areas around basement windows, entrance steps of granolithic finish, the base course with a hammered finish, the walls and cornice of cinder concrete with cement plaster finish, the first floor with granolithic surface, roof supported on steel trusses and having neat tile finish, furring, lathing and plastering of interior partitions, ceilings and inside of walls, chimney with fireplace, cement base around all rooms, windows and doors and circular stairs to basement ; the outside door to be of wood covered with sheet copper, panelled about as shown ; the interior doors to be of wood covered with copper-plated sheet steel panelled to suit. We have not included any electric wiring, piping, heating, interior decorating or other work except as mentioned above.

Yours very truly,

Eastern Expanded Metal Co.,

WILLIAM T. REED, Engineer.

## LIST OF OUTINGS

IN SHARON, IN 1906, TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE SHARON  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

SATURDAY, MAY 5.

Walk to Devil's Bridge, going by way of Billings street, and returning by Glendale road.

SATURDAY, MAY 19.

Cobb's Corner and site of Lieut. Holmes' house, going and returning by electric car.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2.

Ride to ancient house site on Old Post road, with a walk over "Uncle Amasa's path" at Wolomolopoag pond.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16.

Drake cemetery and the grave of a revolutionary soldier, in the rear of Mansfield street, in the extreme south part of Sharon. Take 12.15 steam cars from Boston for East Foxborough. Walk one and one-half miles through Willow street to Mansfield street. Return by the 4.53 train from East Foxborough.

SATURDAY, JUNE 30.

Farquhar's plants and flowers on Garden street at Sharon Heights. Take electric car.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3. (Old Home Week.)

Coach ride over North Main, Bay, and Mountain streets, with lunch on Rattle Snake hill.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1.

Ride to Biological Farm, and walk to "Robbers' Cave."

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.

Ride around Massapoag pond.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29.

Old John Randall farm, and Benjamin Randall tavern on South Main street. Take electric car.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13.

Drive to Viaduct street farms, with walk to old stone bridge.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27.

Walk to Beaver brook, and through the woods to Upland road.

On August 3, the coach ride will commence at 10 a.m.; the other outings will be in the afternoon of the days assigned. The start, generally, will be made from the Central square. A narrative of each ramble will be written by one of the company. All persons interested are welcome to join in the excursions.

## HISTORICAL SCRAP BOOK.

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Alger, Rev. William R., reminiscences of, Nath'l Seaver, Jr., Scituate  
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Baker homestead . . P. Howard Baker and Miss Emma A. Baker  
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Cannon, casting of the first, Henry F. Talbot, Waterville, Kansas  
Center School Association, with picture . . John G. Phillips  
Church bells, town . . . William R. Mann  
Epidemic of 1816 . . . Miss Isabella Reynolds  
Gannett, Deborah Sampson, visit to Albany,

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| Hewins, Amasa, sketch of life . . . . .                              | Eben N. Hewins, Boston                                    |
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| Kimball's Rev. John C., Good-Bye . . . . .                           | John C. Kimball, Greenfield                               |
| Meetings of the Society . . . . .                                    | Eugene Tappan                                             |
| Massapoag pond bank . . . . .                                        | Frederic Endicott, Canton                                 |
| Moose and other wild animals formerly in this vicinity,              |                                                           |
|                                                                      | Miss G. E. Holbrook, Sherborn                             |
| Music in Sharon, history of . . . . .                                | Miss Harriet C. Billings                                  |
| Octagon house on Beach street . . . . .                              | Mrs. Warren Johnson                                       |
| Old Home Week in Sharon, 1905 . . . . .                              | Eugene Tappan                                             |
| Perambulation of town boundary lines . . . . .                       | Edward J. Fuller                                          |
| Probate cases. Sharon, 1793 to 1878 . . . . .                        | Eugene Tappan                                             |
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| Revolutionary incident on the Bay road, Mrs. H. Rebecca Johnson      |                                                           |
| Robert Raikes' Sunday School scholar in Sharon,                      |                                                           |
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| Sabbath-day, a typical Sharon . . . . .                              | John G. Phillips                                          |
| School, on my way to . . . . .                                       | Mrs. F. Adelaide Talbot, Canton                           |
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| Sunday in Sharon, June 30, 1889 . . . . .              | Elia Leslie                      |
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| Tupper, Benjamin. Letter from his granddaughter,       | Miss Mary C. Nye, Marietta, Ohio |
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- S. WARREN BULLARD. Fowling piece used by him for 61 years.
- MRS. O. A. CHENEY, Natick. Package of old Morse deeds. Commission to Ezra Morse, Jr., as captain of 3d foot company in Dedham of 1st regiment of militia, 1745. Review of first fourteen years of South Natick Historical Society, 1884. Natick manual.
- CONGRESSIONAL LIBRARY, Washington. Report of librarian, 1905.
- GEORGE WILLIS COOKE, Wakefield. History of the Clapboard Trees, or third parish in Dedham. [Westwood.]
- CHARLES S. CURTIS. Programme of rhetorical exercises of Stoughtonham Institute, March 28, 1871. Subscription list to Sharon library association, 1857, with constitution and by-laws. Sermon against duelling, by Lyman Beecher.
- REV. MINER R. DEMING, Revere. *Boston Institute Seashore Messenger*, with picture of new building at Massapoag pond.
- EDWARD DENHAM, New Bedford. Old Dartmouth Historical sketches, Nos. 1 to 12, 1903 to 1905.
- ARTHUR P. FISKE. Money draft, dated July 23. 1764, accepted by John Hancock. *New York Herald*, revolutionary extra edition, April 19, 1875. *Boston*, a souvenir paper, September 17, 1880.
- ALBERT A. FOLSOM, Boston. Orderly book of Jeremiah Fogg at the siege of Boston.
- ROBIE G. FRYE. *Manila Cable News*. 2 copies of Philippine newspaper.

- VERNON GOULD, M. D., Rochester, Indiana. The original copy of declaration of independence, read by the minister in the church, and copied in the town records, 1776. Autographs of several governors.
- EBEN N. HEWINS, Boston. Framed photograph of "Uncle Amasa's Path" at Wolomolopoag pond.
- COL. EDMUND HART HEWINS. Elements of War, by Isaac Maltby, 1813. Geography made easy, by Jedidiah Morse, 1804. American first class book, by John Pierpont, 1831. Writings of Miss Fanny Woodbury, 1815. Cradle belonging for successive generations to the Hewins family.
- MISS LOUISA HEWINS, Boston. Card of Amasa Hewins, portrait painter.
- MRS. ELIZABETH B. HINCKLEY, Milton. Framed sketch of Blind Ellis and his house, [Edward Ellis, Sharon,] by Thomas Hinckley, her husband.
- RICHARD C. HUMPHREYS, Boston. Dorchester celebration, 1889. Dorchester Day, 1905. Historical tablets in first church in Boston. Historical sketch of Norfolk Conference of Unitarian churches, 1900.
- IPSWICH HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Publications XIV, containing reprint of "The Simple Cocker of Aggawam."
- MRS. LOUISA JONES, Stoughton. Piece of cotton cloth printed in colors by Benjamin Hewins about 1773. Mounted and framed by Mr. and Mrs. George Kempton.
- MRS. ELIZA J. KEMPTON. Copy of "Annals of Sharon" sent to Sharon in 1861 by Dr. Vernon Gould. Reprint of *Boston Gazette*, containing account of Boston Massacre.
- LINCOLN N. KINNICUTT, Worcester. Indian names of places in Worcester County, 1905.
- MEDFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Historical Register (a quarterly).
- LORING M. MONK. Newspaper clipping, Robert Burns.
- NANTUCKET HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION. Proceedings of annual meeting, 1905.
- NEW YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Report for 1904.
- JOHN NOBLE, Boston. Record of Court of Assistants, 1673-1692.



- ARTHUR W. PEIRCE, Franklin. Program of bi-centennial of Benjamin Franklin's birth. Souvenir number of *Franklin Sentinel*.
- MISS SARAH E. PETTEE, East Walpole. Framed photograph of the Fales house in East Walpole in which the peace ball was held at the close of the revolution. Framed by Mr. and Mrs. George Kempton.
- JOHN G. PHILLIPS. Plan of land [Curtis farm] in Sharon formerly owned by the Congregational Church. Bird's-eye view of Sharon.
- CHARLES F. PIDGIN, Boston. Aaron Burr Memorial, 1903.
- DR. LORING W. PUFFER, Brockton. *The New Yorker* (Greeley's newspaper), 1837. *The National Gazette and Literary Register*. Philadelphia, 1835. Deed given by Zebediah Kinsley of Easton, 1772. Old printing of rhymed will of Mathew Abbey, janitor at Harvard, and Yale janitor's proposal to the widow.
- BENJAMIN RAYNOLDS. Sharon tax lists. U.S. taxes. Impeachment of Judge James Prescott, 1821. Plan of Henry Flint's land.
- MISS ISABELLA RAYNOLDS. Abiel Holmes's sermon at ordination of Rev. Jonathan Whitaker in Sharon, 1799. Ordination in Stoughton with right hand of fellowship by Rev. Philip Curtis of Sharon, 1792. A lot of printed sermons and addresses. Oath book kept by Benjamin Raynolds.
- STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MISSOURI. Proceedings of annual meeting, 1903. Biennial report, 1904. Catalogue of publications of Missouri authors.
- EUGENE TAPPAN. Bound volume of *Boston Evening Transcript* (notes and queries, and genealogical notes).
- ROBERT TAPPAN. Old etching on painted glass made with the point of a pin.
- WILLIAM S. TILDEN, Medfield. *Ye Fayerbanke Historical*, Nov. 1904.
- RUFUS B. TOBEY, Boston. Pine board from North Carolina. Petrified wood. Civil-war exchange certificate (\$1.00). Writs and officer's returns, Thomas Sweetser *vs.* Supply Dean, 1783, and Samuel Nutting *vs.* Ebenezer Howard, 1773. Tobey Genealogy (limited edition). Twelfth report of Boston Floating Hospital, 1906.

JOHN W. WEEKS, M. C., Washington. Reports of American Historical Association, 1903, 1904.

WESTBOROUGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Story of the cotton gin, by Edward Craig Bates, 1899.

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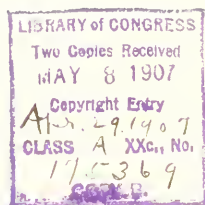
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## VIRGINIA FOLK-LORE ABOUT GEORGE WASHINGTON.

BY JOHN SARGENT WISE OF NEW YORK CITY.

The following address was delivered by Capt. John S. Wise before the Sharon Historical Society, at its celebration in Sharon, February 22, 1907, of the one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of the birth of Washington. Capt. Wise is the well known author of "The End of an Era" and "Recollections of Thirteen Presidents." As a lover of all sections of the land, and having an intimate knowledge of his native state of Virginia and her regard for Washington, with skill as an author and speaker and a special interest in the theme, Capt. Wise adds to the common knowledge of the subject a welcome exhibition of the attitude towards Washington of those who dwell on the soil where he lived and died.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—

It is a great pleasure, I assure you, to meet and greet the people of Massachusetts on the anniversary of the birth of the great and good man whose name and fame are so identified with her early career. Massachusetts began the bloody work of the Revolution before her sisters. Lexington, Concord and Bunker Hill preceded the appointment of a commander-in-chief of the forces of the united colonies. Washington's prominence as a national military character began when he took command of the army at Cambridge; and throughout

the whole struggle he found his warmest and most affectionate support among the northern generals, Greene of Rhode Island, the two Putnams, Lincoln and others, even when officers from his own section failed him or were in a cabal for his overthrow. No wonder then that this day tends to revive the long and traditional friendship between Massachusetts and Virginia—a friendship which has ever been strong save when it was interrupted by the episode of civil war, and which is today revived by the determination of the people of both these commonwealths that their dear old states shall not become mere weak instruments for the convenient enforcement of the universal mandates of a great centralized government.

Considering the character of the address I should make to the citizens of Sharon to-night, I came to the conclusion that an attempt to deliver an elaborate oration must result disastrously among a people so familiar with American eloquence on the subject of George Washington. For over a hundred years his life and career have been an open book to the civilized world. He has been the inspiration and great exemplar of youth, and the subject of the loftiest flights of oratory at home and abroad. Even the names of those who have made him the subject of their eloquence would fill volumes. The orations of Webster, Everett and Winthrop of your own state are unsurpassed. It was my inestimable privilege to hear the two latter, and I would not dare to tempt their people to a contrast of an oration of mine with theirs.

I have therefore felt that I may more effectively

approach you, not with a set speech with rounded periods, but in simple conversational way repeating to you some of the folk-lore of his fellow citizens in the state where he was born and lived and died. Those people knew him and loved him and honored and mourned him as did no others on earth. The task is peculiarly grateful to me for I am a descendant of one of his most devoted soldiers, was reared in a family where veneration of Washington was placed next to faith in God, and have but recently, by the strange mutations of life and by the death of a great number entitled ahead of me, become entitled to membership in the Society of Cincinnati of which he was the founder.

Washington has been dead over a century. Precious as are his name and character and deeds to the whole country, he is more or less an idealized abstraction to the people at large outside of his native State, but is still a concrete entity to the older class of Virginians, and, to a less degree possibly, to her rising generation.

No man ever left every feature of his personality, every incident in his long public and private career more indelibly impressed upon the people among whom he lived. He died childless, it is true. To him this was a bitter disappointment, but among Virginians we are disposed to be proud of the fact that Nature, despairing of reproducing so matchless a type, broke the die in which he was cast, and left his fame unmarred by any injurious effects of inferior progeny. The name, too, is almost extinct in the old State, having migrated to the North, South and West. I recall but one Washington family still resident in Virginia, and they are distant

collaterals. But his collateral kindred, bearing other family names, and the descendants of his adopted children, the Custis offspring of his wife, are numerous, and among them are preserved all the things pertaining to him not in public places. In one way or another, nearly every prominent family in the State is connected with him, or feels identified with him by some service or circumstance in the life of its forbears. For example: I have no blood relationship to the Washingtons, but my grandmother, through John Custis of Arlington, was cousin of the two adopted Custis children of Washington, and her father was a field-officer under his command at Brandywine, Germantown, Valley Forge and Monmouth. Those circumstances alone make people "near kin" in Virginia. His sister Betty, who married Fielding Lewis, was the most prolific of his family, and, to this day, Piedmont and Tide-water and the Valley of Virginia are filled with her descendants, the Lewises and Taylors and the rest of them, all preserving and cherishing the minutest incidents of his great life, with the charm peculiar to oral tradition. But, if Washington had left no kinsfolk, it would be the same.

His public career began at such an early age that, although he died comparatively young, it really extended over a period of fifty years, and led him into every section of the Commonwealth which had then been settled. The result was that his personal acquaintance extended not only to the men of prominence but to men of all stations, and to their families; for in the days when men traveled about they lodged at private houses.

It requires an effort of memory to realize how



young he was when he first became a public character in Virginia. We are so accustomed to think of him as the mature or venerable man depicted as the father of his Country. He was born in 1732. In 1750 he was not only doing work as a surveyor for the immigrant Lord Fairfax, but a work that made him acquainted with every settler in that section, and they with him. Lord Fairfax became very fond of him. With all his sedateness and exterior calm, Washington, both as boy and man, loved life, was full of manly ardor, and passionately fond of field sports. These tastes he never indulged until his work was done, but the way he went at them in leisure moments endeared him to Lord Fairfax, who found him not only an ardent and bold fox-hunter, but a congenial and respectful young companion at his solitary home. No doubt this constant companionship with an English gentleman at the most plastic period of his youth did more to fix the manners and bearing of Washington, for which he was so distinguished throughout life, than anything else. For, while the Washingtons were just as good as anybody else in Virginia, it was a period of very simple living throughout the Colony; and the dignity and reserve of Washington in after life were so exceptional as to be constantly remarked upon in the community, and sometimes he was adversely criticized for manners above those of the masses.

Washington was decidedly above the average of his Colonial associates, and even perhaps above the other members of his own family in his observance of social etiquette. The tradition runs that his fine old mother smoked a pipe, and refused to visit him on a certain

occasion because he regarded this habit as beneath the dignity of his home. The story is probably true, for I remember seeing the widow of a Revolutionary General, as late as 1851, sitting by her fire in a split-bottomed chair, on a rag carpet, with a lawn cap and a kerchief crossed upon her breast, smoking her pipe with great satisfaction, with no thought that it was "infra dig."; and she was as high-bred a dame as any of them, had been a reigning beauty in her day, and had no doubt trod a minuet with Washington.

Father inherited his veneration for Washington and eagerly gathered and remembered every piece of folk-lore he heard. His love was transmitted undiminished to our whole family, and we are provincial or bigoted enough, or whatever you may choose to call it, to think even in this day that George Washington was the greatest man that ever lived. As General Von Moltke seems to have thought likewise, we may be right after all. Of course we know what has been written about him in books, but the things we know better are those which we have heard by oral tradition, through reliable mediums, during the course of our lives, from hearing them at the family fire-side until they were as familiar to us as the Lord's Prayer and the Creed and the Ten Commandments; things vastly more entertaining than what books contain, often too insignificant for historical record, yet frequently shedding a flood of light on character and making a lasting impression on memory, focusing up to us, as no book can do, the figures of the past.

When Braddock came, Washington was greeted as

a volunteer aide to accompany him on his expedition to Fort Duquesne. Braddock was a high liver. The story is told concerning him that he always insisted that two of his aides should be invited to any dinner he attended, because he expected to require their assistance to reach his quarters after the festivities. Washington was not a total abstinence man. Throughout life he was not averse to a social glass of wine with friends, but he was prudent and abstemious, with little taste for the indulgences and frivolity of his young companions on the staff. They were society men and dandies of the highest British circles. The Headquarters baggage of Braddock was more than that of a Continental Regiment ten years later. The contrast between the simple outfit of Washington and any one of these young British officers was most striking. So much so indeed that, with a person less dignified, they would have been disposed to look down upon him. Washington appreciated the maxim of "doing like the Romans in Rome," and he ordered a lot of finery from England, but it never came in time to use it on the staff. One thing he had, and that he always had throughout his life. It is part of a true Virginian's necessary outfit. That was a good horse. No man loved a good horse or was a better judge of him than Washington. He was so young that Braddock paid little attention to his wise advice at first. Indeed the old campaigner not only ignored Washington's warnings, but was disposed to resent them. Meanwhile, by his enterprise, his courtesy, and his prompt attention to every duty, Washington made friends of the members of the staff; friends who kept up correspondence with

him until the Revolutionary War, and even during the war sent him messages of affection and respect through the lines. When it was too late Braddock himself was brought to confess the wisdom of Washington's advice, to declare that he had been conspicuously reckless on the battle-field, and that Washington had done more than any officer on the field to save the remnant of the British forces. But for him the Massacre would have been complete. He took charge of the retreat and of the wounded General, and, when Braddock died a few days later, thanks of the most touching kind to Washington for his care and tenderness were among his last utterances.

Another instance of the innate loyalty to friendship in Washington's temperament is found in his treatment of Bryan Fairfax while the Revolutionary War was in progress. Fairfax was a loyalist. He was perfectly sincere in believing that in the pending crisis his allegiance was due to the King. The feeling against all such was very intense and the disposition of the authorities was to oppress and banish Fairfax. Washington knew him, had faith in him and great respect for him. He gave him protection papers and stood by him, upon his simple assurance that he would be neutral. Fairfax repaid him with devoted friendship and perfect fidelity to his pledges.

No man ever lived who possessed to a greater degree the quality of making devoted personal friends, than did Washington. This old forbear of mine of whom I have spoken was a striking instance of the devotion which Washington inspired. He survived until

1821. My father was born in 1806. My father's mother, died in 1812, and my grandfather Wise in the following year, so that my orphaned father spent much of his boyhood in the home of General John Cropper, his maternal grandfather, at "Bowman's Folly," the family seat in Accomac County, Virginia. It is on the seaside near Drummondstown, the County seat.

In the autumn of 1776 John Cropper, aged nineteen, marched from Accomac to Philadelphia, as Captain of a company in the 9th Virginia Regiment (Col. Fleming) on Continental establishment to join Washington's Army. He had been married but six weeks to Margaret Pettitt, a granddaughter of John Custis, of Arlington, and a cousin of General Washington's adopted children. Cropper never saw his wife again until some time in 1778, when her first child, Sarah Corbin Cropper, my grandmother, was over a year old. Few of us stretch patriotism that far nowadays. During his absence he had fought under Washington at Brandywine and Germantown, had passed the winter in camp at Valley Forge and fought at Monmouth. He had received successive promotions as Major of 7th Virginia and as Lt.-Col. of 11th Virginia (Daniel Morgan's) Regiment. Morgan was serving in the South with a detached force and Cropper commanded his regiment. Those two years were the cream of that boy's life. Washington was his God. His whole career as a soldier had been under Washington's eye. True it was a career of defeats and suffering, but what else draws men so near together or makes them know each other so well?

The winter of 1777-8 at Valley Forge brought

Washington into more intimate relations with his officers than at any other period of his career. The Army grouped about those hills was like a great family of poor people hugging up close to each other to keep warm. Washington was more like a father to them than a general. Every day he was among the men begging them to preserve their beef hides to make hut-roofs, and hoofs and horns to make combs, and tallow to make itch-ointment, and doing a thousand other things showing his concern for others.

The orderly book, still preserved, reads like the record of a careful guardian over his improvident wards. What infinite care and solicitude, down to the minutest details, it all displays. With him was his pet, young Lafayette, now a Division Commander, and Cropper's Brigade was under him. I have the original order of Lafayette assigning Col. Crooper (as he wrote it) to command the 11th Regiment, and a note in his own hand-writing, written on thin French letter paper, telling Col. "Crooper" he would be over the following day to talk about "those coats for the men." These things bring us pretty close to the old fellows, do they not? Then came Baron Steuben.

Think of it! A distinguished soldier in European Armies. An aide-de-camp on the Staff of Frederick the Great. What must have been his impressions of that mob? Washington was quick to utilize his particular talent for organization. He could not have come at a better time or place. He designated him Inspector General and the old Baron entered cheerfully on the task of drilling an Army that never had been drilled.



He began by calling for details of men from all the commands, and these he undertook to drill until they were fit to be drill-masters of their comrades. The scenes that followed were immense. The Baron could not speak or understand English, and the men could not speak or understand French or German. Neither could understand or explain to the other, and the result was indescribably ludicrous. Many a day have I heard my father repeat Cropper's descriptions of all this and the polyglot swearing of the Baron Steuben. A New York officer acted as the Baron's interpreter. Some times the old fellow would lose his temper and explode "Sacre G-t D-n Mein Gott. Ach! mein friend Mon bon Ami. Tell them what they do not understand. Tell me what they, blockheads, say." But great good came from it all, and the Army was drilled as never before. It was doubtless through the Baron that Washington received the sword of Frederick the Great, the sword which a hundred years later John Brown "appropriated" from the possession of Col. Lewis Washington when he made his famous raid on Harper's Ferry.

The Virginians were encamped on the hill just above Washington's headquarters. Not far from them were the Pennsylvanians commanded by General Cadwalader who shot General Conway in a duel for speaking disrespectfully of Washington. Cropper loved Cadwalader for that and deeply regretted that the job had not fallen to his lot. And there with him, as a Captain in his regiment, and his devoted friend, was young black-haired, diamond-eyed John Marshall, the same who afterwards became the great Chief Justice, but



in those days was chiefly prominent as the best quoit pitcher in the Revolutionary Camp. There, too, was Light Horse Harry Lee, the son of Washington's first lady love, beloved of Washington for her sake and his own; that Light Horse Harry, who, in Congress when his great Commander died, sobbed forth his grief in the immortal resolutions presented by Marshall which declared that he was "First in War, first in Peace and first in the hearts of his Countrymen."

How these men all worshipped Washington!—In my day I have known descendants of them all, and with all exchanged our family traditions concerning the great Father. Heth's and Cropper's Virginia Regiments were hutted next to Cadwalader's. The three men were devoted friends. Within the past twenty years in New York, John L. Cadwalader, Richard C. Selden and I dined together at my house, great-grandsons of those three old worthies from whom we were taught our veneration for George Washington.

When I was a small boy, my step-mother (only so in name, for she was my own mother, in love) had two old aunts, Aunt Belew and Aunt Claiborne. They were all three related to Mrs. Washington through the Dandridge connection. One of these old ladies lived many years at a place called "Cumberland" on the Pamunky River, adjoining the "White House" where their cousin the widow Custis lived when Washington married her. They always referred to her as Martha Dandridge, and they knew her and General Washington just as we do our cousins now-a-days. I remember one of them commenting upon a handsome colored print of

Gilbert Stuart's painting of Washington which was then extensively circulated in aid of the Mount Vernon purchase and saying the eyes were too "soulful" and the color too delicate. They said Washington's eyes were smaller, and not so deep in color as the pictures show them; and that there was a look about them not exactly of cunning but very quick and knowing, by no means so gentle as the ox-eyed expression transmitted to posterity by the artist. Then too, concerning his complexion, their criticism was that while Washington's complexion was healthy, it was not so delicately pink and childlike as it is shown, for he had a few scars of small-pox on his face, and his skin showed that thickening which so often follows the disease, although, in his case it was to a slight degree. Once when I was duck-shooting on the Potomac I had pointed out to me a spot where the General is said to have thrashed a fellow for poaching on his ducking grounds. All the details are well remembered in the neighborhood. The Potomac is a famous place for canvas-back and red head ducks. It seems Colonel Washington, as he then was, had carefully baited a certain feeding ground with corn, and that the ducks were coming in finely. But this offender had poached on the place and had been warned away. One morning Washington, who had been absent but had just returned home, went down before day to enjoy the sport of which he was very fond, when, lo! there in the very spot which he expected to occupy, was the same old intruder. He had ascertained that the Colonel was absent and thought he might trespass with impunity. It is said that he tried to push off his boat

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and escape, but Washington dashed into the water after him, seized his boat and, towing it to the shore, gave him a sound pommelling. Washington's temper was well known to every one who was intimate with him. He had it under control generally, and no doubt often concealed it with his dignified demeanor, but occasionally he gave his friends an exhibition that they never forgot. History records what he said to Lee at Monmouth. And I for one am glad he said it. It shows he had good red blood in his veins, and it is comfort to feel that great as he was, he was not above the infirmities of us weak mortals. This eternal representation of Washington's extreme goodness and his praying out in the snow at Valley Forge, etc., gets to be namby-pamby after a while.

The sinful world is gratified to know that now and then he wrestled with the old Adam. One of the Carys told my father of an experience he had as a boy on a visit to Mount Vernon. The family chariot was full on a certain Sunday, and the General allowed young Cary to ride to church a favorite mare that was in foal. All were very devout during the services, particularly the General. The family coach started home at once, but Mr. Cary lingered a while. The mare, as is usual with high-bred horses, chafed for her companions, and the moment she was headed homeward bolted. The boy lost control of her. She overtook the General's carriage going like a shot. "Stop that! Stop that!" shouted the General as she passed him. He thought the boy was speeding her. His commands receiving no attention, he forgot the sermon and the prayers, and Cary

said that as long as he was in ear-shot he heard very sulphurous imprecations from his host. Washington designed the National Capital upon a scale which has rendered it unnecessary to enlarge his plans and has made possible, on the very plan he devised, the most beautiful city in the world. Even I remember when I thought there was great waste of space there, but the innumerable buildings erected there in my day, grand as many of them are, find ready for them all that the foresight of Washington discovered would be necessary to display them to best advantage. How in contrast with the crowded spaces in all our other larger cities which had no seer planning for the distant future when they were founded. It is difficult to spend a day anywhere in lowland Virginia, of which Washington was so fond, without meeting with some reminders of him, for he was all-pervading in his day, and nothing could be further from the facts than the old saying touching the departed, "the places that knew him know him no more." Even on my own country-place on the point of Cape Charles, a spot which, so far as I know, he never visited, there are things suggestive of him. A little wild pea known as the partridge pea is indigenous to the whole Eastern shore peninsula. It grows luxuriantly and in that sandy section is regarded, for lack of the sturdier grasses on limestone soils, as an excellent hay and good restorer of the land. I never walk out in the spring time and behold its pretty yellow bloom, without recalling a most interesting correspondence between Mr. Custis, who lived at Arlington, seven miles above my place, and General Washington, concerning the merits of the

partridge pea. Mr. Custis took the trouble to secure some seeds for General Washington, and the General planted them at Mount Vernon and reported the results. He said that it might serve its purpose fairly well in a light soil like that of the peninsula, but on the stronger lands of Piedmont there was a plenty of products of better substance both as feed and fertilizers. Washington was unquestionably a scientific farmer in his day, and while far behind the discoveries of the present, he was first in this as in other things.

The old great-grandfather of whom I have spoken, simply idolized Washington, as well he might. Mr. Custis referring to him says that Cropper had but one toast for all Companies, banquets, Fourth of July, Twenty-second of February, marriages, funerals, and that was "God bless the memory of George Washington." On a certain occasion soon after the War, Col. Cropper was in the coffee-room at Mammy Peterkin's, a famous tavern in Delaware, on the road between his home and Philadelphia. An Englishman present made some disparaging remark about Washington. Cropper, who was a large, powerful man and of quick temper, seized the chair on which he sat and broke it over the man's head. In later years, he was in the Virginia Senate. He was then a General, for Washington had proposed him as Commander of the Virginia troops when the troubles arose with France in '98. At a banquet at the Swan tavern in Richmond a speaker reflected upon Washington. When his remarks had proceeded to a certain point, General Cropper arose, seized a carving knife and started towards him swearing he would

“have his ears” for such language concerning the greatest and best man that ever lived. It was with great difficulty that he was restrained and pacified. At the surrender of Yorktown Washington presented twelve French cannon captured from the British to the Marquis de Lafayette for distribution to the favorite officers of his division. One of these he gave to Colonel Cropper who took it with him to his home and placed it on the Court House Green at the County Seat. There it remained until the civil war when it was captured by federal troops and removed to Fortress Monroe. A grandson of General Cropper who lived in New York and was loyal to the Union, made personal application to Mr. Lincoln for a return of the gun, and it was delivered to him and remained in his possession until his death which occurred in the present year.

Every year of his life until shortly before his death in 1821 when disease disabled him, General Cropper celebrated Washington's birth-day and July 4th at the County Court House, by firing that cannon, and by speeches, the reading of the Declaration of Independence, Washington's Farewell Address, and patriotic songs.

These scenes were of course part of the youth of my father. Nothing pleased him more than to describe his grandfather speaking upon Washington. The old man would be moved by his own eloquence to defiance, exultation and tears.

When the old Revolutionary hero became too infirm to appear in public, he would on patriotic days assemble his children and grandchildren about him,



have them read the old documents and sing the old songs, while he joined in with all his remaining fervor, the tears streaming down his cheeks. I have a letter written by William Wirt to his daughters when General Cropper died and it is one of his most beautiful productions.

If General Washington slept in all the houses in Virginia which have been pointed out to me, from time to time, as his lodging places, he must have done a good deal of napping in day-time; for in his brief lifetime he could not have done the sleeping in the night-time requisite to fill all these beds.

Some of the houses he occupied were very small and very primitive. Indeed it is hard to realize how little of domestic comfort satisfied even the grandest people of his time. Many of the abodes of the wealthiest and most important people of that day in Virginia were not up to those of the humblest today in space and comfort. There were a few handsome houses in Williamsburg and Fredericksburg in Gloucester and upper Potomac and on the lower James, but outside of these the Colonial Mansions of Virginia never were very numerous, or at all up to modern standards.

A hundred years ago the fame of Washington in future ages, elsewhere than in Virginia, may have been problematic. It never was so there. The surroundings of every Virginian born then or since have been such that he was as sure to worship this immortal man as were the goats bred by Jacob to be "ring-streaked, speckled and grizzled."

Just as pre-natal influences in the animal kingdom



affect the progeny, and long-continued habits of thought in a whole community of human beings descend from father to son — so generations of Virginians breeding together in a common faith about Washington have produced a Commonwealth of two million citizens to whom his every act and almost every breath he breathed, have been made familiar since they were old enough to comprehend anything. There may be found here and there a Virginian who will reluctantly admit that at one time or another in the tide of time, individuals have lived who in this or that particular quality may have equaled Washington; but it were rank heresy in any man to contend in the presence of a true bred Virginian that any man ever existed on this planet who had combined in him, the same number of pre-eminent qualities, to the same degree or so happily blended, as they appeared in Virginia's peerless Son.

Thus, fellow-citizens, have I attempted to lay before you, in simple phrase, the real George Washington, in his daily and private life and in his relations to his neighbors and fellow-citizens. It may have been problematical with the rest of mankind, a hundred years ago, how he would rank in History. It was never so with Virginians. To them he was, even in his lifetime, "the immediate jewel of their souls." A century has rolled by since he died—a century filled with great events that have revolutionized and changed, almost daily, the map of the world, with hosts of great men, from Napoleon and Wellington, down to now, filling Fame's trumpets with their deeds. Yet, there stands the Colossal figure of Washington, his fame enhanced rather than dimin-

ished by comparison with them, and likely to increase for a thousand years to come. *Our* Washington. Not Washington of Virginia or of Massachusetts. Not Washington of the North or of the South. Not even Washington of America. But Washington of the whole world, embodying and expressing the ideas of Liberty, and Justice and Valor and Moderation as the world had never known them before he lived. Quoted to describe him, the oft repeated words are no longer thread-bare.

“As some tall cliff that lifts its awful form,  
Swells from the vale and midway leaves the storm,  
Though round its breast the rolling clouds are spread,  
Eternal sunshine settles on its head.”

Thank God that in our past there was one great father, at whose tomb we may meet in common brotherhood for all time to come and there forget the differences of intervening years.

## WORK OF THE SOCIETY.

BY EUGENE TAPPAN.

A review of the year is due to the members and to other historical societies. Such a record is a part of current history. The study of what has been done is important for a proper prosecution of the work to be done. Certain lines of effort may be desirable for further work in the coming year, and on the other hand, it may be found that certain lines or methods should be omitted. Again, so far as the past shows success, it will be an encouragement to continue. The year thus reviewed extends from April, 1906, to March, 1907.

### QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

The quarterly meetings are held in Old Home Week and in the latter part of October, January and April. The place is the town hall, which on several occasions was ornamented by a Boston decorating company. In Old Home Week the society also arranged an antiquarian concert by the Old Stoughton Musical Society, and on Washington's Birthday celebrated the 175th anniversary of that event with an address by Capt. John S. Wise. This address is printed for the first time in this issue.

The president of the Society, Col. Hewins, has occupied the chair at each meeting, as well as at each session of the board of directors. Praise is due to the

singers and musicians, and to the matrons and assistants who have contributed inspiration and good cheer. At the April and January meetings the leading address was given by Mr. John G. Phillips, followed at the last meeting by Messrs. Hewins, Whittemore and Tappan. Mr. Kempton has often given historical readings. Some speakers who came from out of town were Dr. Loring W. Puffer, the president of the Bridgewater Historical Society, in April, Ex-Gov. John D. Long in August, and Dr. William H. P. Faunce, the president of Brown University, in October. A customary feature of the meetings is a social half-hour with service of tea and cakes.

#### RAMBLES.

The year's outings were limited, as previously, to the territory of the town, and took place on Saturday afternoons in alternate weeks of May, June, September and October with an all-day outing in Old Home Week. The attendance was greater than in the previous year, 50 or 60 being the number in the last two months. On longer distances carriages are used. Often times a light lunch is carried by the ramblers, or served to them by the kindness of those living in the places visited. Careful attention is given to antique objects and the history and traditions of the families connected with the places. There was always held on such occasions an informal historical conference, at which some of the speakers were Messrs. Britton, Deming, Drake, Dyer, Field, Fuller, Haskel, Kempton, Mackintosh, Martin, Perry, Pettee, Phillips, Raynolds, Talbot, Tappan, Mrs. Eddy, Miss Felt, Mrs. Mann, Mrs. Talbot, Mrs. Washburn,

Mrs. White and Miss Winship. Frequent visitors from abroad attend the outings as well as the regular meetings. A scholarly gentleman, while walking with the rambles in a beautiful grove, expressed his feelings by the remark, "I'd rather walk in these woods than read the best book that ever was written."

#### OLD HOME WEEK.

The Society gave unusual attention to the holiday week, called Old Home Week, conducting as already stated the three events of antique concert, quarterly meeting and outing, and also issuing an illustrated program pamphlet for all the exercises of the week, of which 1500 copies were distributed, and a profit realized from the advertisements furnished by friends.

#### WRITTEN CONTRIBUTIONS.

Each of the meetings and rambles has its historian whose full narrative is printed in the Sharon Advocate, filling one or two columns of that village newspaper. These articles with others are included in the Society Scrap Book, the fourth volume of which has just been bound, its contents being given on another page. These volumes are substantially bound and will last as long as any printed book, and be read with increasing interest as time goes by. Sometimes on a ramble a selection from the Scrap Book has proved appropriate. The Sharon Advocate, by the courtesy of its publisher, contains notifications and historical items concerning the Society as well as the above named narratives. Bound volumes of the Advocate are kept in the Sharon Public Library.

## HISTORICAL BUILDING.

A goodly number of gifts has been received, as shown on other pages and in the preceding numbers of the Publications. "Where shall we put these valuables?" is a natural question frequently asked. A sufficient answer is found in Publication No. 3 issued a year ago, containing as frontispiece a perspective view of a suitable historical building with an article describing the structure and a reliable builder's estimate that the cost would be \$6000. A generous contribution for the beginning of a building fund would attract other similar contributions, resulting at last in a building erected, alike an ornament to the town and a safe deposit of valuable papers and relics. This building would be of great value to the life and prosperity of the Society.

## ASSOCIATED WORK.

As a member of the Bay State Historical League, the Society sends representatives to the meetings of the League. Meetings of historical societies have been attended in Somerville, Roxbury, Canton, Hyde Park, and also meetings of the Bridgewater Historical Society, and the American Historical Association. The Sharon Society has been glad to welcome at its meetings the presidents and members of sister organizations.

## MEMBERSHIP.

A large membership has been the desire of the Society. Greater interest and more assistance are thus secured. At the beginning one hundred subscribers signed the application for incorporation, and at every

regular meeting accessions have been made to this number, the total being now 245. While noting with regret the recent loss by death of three members—Mr. Jay Gould of Norwood Street at the age of 50 years, Mr. Horace S. Shepard of Ames Street at the age of 74 years, and Mr. William F. Hall at the age of 55 years, the society recalls with gratitude that during the calendar year of 1906, there was not a single loss.

#### SOME RESULTS.

Interest in local history has been stimulated and diffused by the good attendance upon the meetings and rambles, and by the published accounts of these gatherings. Mr. John G. Phillips, with considerable labor, has prepared what with present means of knowledge is an exhaustive list of sources of Sharon history. Mr. Solomon Talbot, the Nestor of the Society, is constantly aiding in local memoranda. The written contributions to the Scrap Book preserve historical incidents for the use of the future historian. The society's printed annual from its interest as a record, is a pleasant means of exchange with other historical societies and antiquarians. This annual is deposited in the principal libraries of the state, and in many libraries outside the state. The Society will gladly receive from other associations any of their publications that can be spared.

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#### THE NEAR FUTURE.

The best work is often the work that is nearest at hand. A complete study of the topographical features of the town, a full list of the names of brooks, hills and



tracts of land that have distinctive names, the recovery of Indian names now dropping out of memory (as Sconcupenshen swamp in South Sharon), are instances. A diary of natural events might be kept, noting the first appearance of different kinds of birds, insects, leaves and flowers. The pursuit of genealogy, little attended to at present by the Society, might be as interesting and useful in Sharon as in other towns. Repeated requests in the Advocate to search old attics and report results, and to furnish copies of family registers in old Bibles have hitherto elicited no response, yet such registers exist and attics are not often empty.

A list has been made of the cases in the Probate Registry at Dedham from 1793 to 1878 relating to Sharon, and the additional work has been commenced of making an abstract of each case. A member who can spend a day, or several days, in continuing this work would be doing a good service. Another opening for historical work is to edit the records of the Sharon Lyceum in the years 1844 to 1846, presented by Mr. Charles S. Curtis. Such an editor could procure a brief biographical mention of each member of the Lyceum, besides writing a history of such organizations in the town. The building of the railroad in Sharon is another theme toward the preparation of which Mrs. William B. Wickes has contributed a copy of a report in 1829 to the Legislature on the practicability of the road, with plans of several proposed routes through the town. Some members of a practical turn might accomplish the task of setting up a monument on the Randall place, using therefor the stone door step pre-

sented by a descendant. A similar work would be the placing of a boulder at the grave of William Tolman, with perhaps this inscription, "William Tolman requested to be buried on this spot, from which he had often watched the wild geese fly over the pond." Wood paths and historical sites need to be marked. A more ambitious undertaking might be the publication of a small book of the geography and history of Sharon for use in the public schools. There is none of the members who cannot write a page for the Scrap Book.

The habit of historical research gives a pleasant purpose to one's leisure hours, and a local historical society may add materially to the happiness and refinement of the community. By cultivating the loving study of the town, it will do a substantial part in interesting the people in one another and in promoting good citizenship and good fellowship.

## HISTORICAL OUTINGS IN 1907.

1. Spring Outing, Saturday afternoon, April 27. Stone bridge on Puffer's or Maskwonicut brook, in rear of Richards street. Take electric car to Canton street, thence walk along Canton street to Chestnut Tree cemetery, and thence across the fields.

2. Rock Ridge, Saturday afternoon, May 25. Ride as far as Rockridge cemetery, thence walk along the summit of Rock Ridge to George P. Lawrence's house, and from there ride back to the village.

3. Sharon Incorporation Day, Friday afternoon, June 21. The district was incorporated June 21, 1765. Out-door meeting with special speaker and music.

4. Plimpton Pines, on South Walpole street, near Walpole line, Saturday afternoon, July 13. A ride.

5. Old Home Week Outing, Saturday, August 3. Ride to Moose hill, lunch on the summit, walk down the west slope to Walpole line at Baker street, and from there ride back to the village.

6. Devil's Rock, Saturday afternoon, September 14. Walk by way of Brook road, homeward by another route. A climb on top of the rock.

7. Apple Day (the new holiday), Wednesday afternoon, October 16. Ride to the town farm, giving an entertainment to the inmates, thence across country to Bertram's and home.

The foregoing list of outings was approved by vote of the Historical Society at the last January meeting. A narrative of each outing will be written by one of the company. All persons interested are welcome to join in the excursions.

## THE HISTORICAL SCRAP BOOK.

The following is a list of the articles, with names of writers appended, contained in the fourth volume of the Society's Scrap Book, just completed and bound. Contributions are requested for future numbers, and stationery for the purpose will be supplied on application to the corresponding secretary.

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| Sources of Sharon History . . . . .                 | John G. Phillips        |
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In form the Record is a little book 6 1-2 by 4 1-2 inches in size, bound in thick brown paper covers and contains nearly 100 pages; the hand writing, originally distinct, is now much faded, blurred in many places, and often can be deciphered only with considerable difficulty; the leaves are stained with much use, yellowed and crumbling with age, and in spite of the watchful custodianship now exercised over it, the Record must inevitably soon become a relic of sentimental value only.

A study of the contents will reveal many items of Vital Statistics from 1742-1797 not appearing in the town records which were not begun until 1765. The foot-notes will throw light upon some matters otherwise obscure, but in addition it should be understood that throughout the book, in almost every instance, the dates in the columns headed "Deaths" are really those of burials, usually three days later than the actual dates of deaths as given in the town records.

As evidence of the progressive characteristics of Rev. Mr. Curtis it is interesting, and worthy of note, that the first entry in the Record, a baptism Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>. 1742, shows that he was using the new style of dating. It was not until September 1752 that January 1<sup>st</sup>. was legally adopted as the beginning of the year and double dating between January 1<sup>st</sup>. and March 25<sup>th</sup>. was continued by many until an even later date.

A special effort has been made to reproduce the spelling, punctuation, abbreviations, and the general arrangement of the records, as they appear in the original manuscript. Although other copies have already been made it is believed that no such exactness of detail



has been heretofore attempted. A full index is appended. At the close of the records several pages were devoted to a review of the principal events in his own life by the minister and these have also been copied and included with the rest.

In publishing the Minister's Record of Rev. Philip Curtis the Sharon Historical Society feels that it is performing a duty not only to its members and fellow citizens of the town but also to that increasing number of students all over the country who are actively at work, and to a still larger number of persons who are at least interested, in historical and genealogical investigation.

To all such friends and co-workers this copy is dedicated in the hope that it may add a little that is of value to the large stock of already available sources of information, and be the means of supplying an occasional missing link to the many incomplete chains of New England family history.

J. G. P., *Editor*.

Sharon, January 6th 1908.

Book of [       ]  
 From the Year 174 [   ]  
 For the Year 1742. ———

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*Baptisms*

January. 17. W<sup>th</sup>. Richards. Jeremiah.  
 Feb: 14 John Phillips Adult  
 March-28 Mr. Fullers Rebecca  
 Aprill Jacobd Clarks Nehemiah & W<sup>th</sup>. Woods John  
 July. Benj<sup>n</sup> Estys Lydia  
 August [   ] saac: Belchers Mary  
 Sep<sup>r</sup>. 19. Isaac Cuming Noah. & John Smiths Hannah

*Marriages*

January. 28 J married Sam<sup>th</sup>. Coney. & Rebecah Guild  
 October 4 J married Jer<sup>b</sup>. Willis & Remember Tupper \*

For the Year 1743

*Baptisms*

March 6. Eb<sup>r</sup>. Stearns Zekill: Robins  
 May. 8.th Job Swift Patience  
 May 15. S<sup>th</sup>. Cumings Nathaniell  
 May 22. J<sup>b</sup>. — Everets Catherine  
 June. T<sup>s</sup>. Randall Joseph  
 June. E. Hewins Hannah  
 August Jer<sup>b</sup>. Clark Silvanus  
 Sep<sup>r</sup>. 4. J. Jordan John.  
 October 2. Benj<sup>n</sup>. Esty Benjamin  
 October 9 Oba<sup>b</sup>. Haws Nathaniell  
 Novem<sup>r</sup>. 13 D<sup>th</sup>. Richards John

*Marriages*

March. 30<sup>th</sup> J married Eleazer May & Esther Wadsworth.  
 Sep<sup>r</sup>. 2<sup>d</sup> J married Elijah Capen & Eli<sup>b</sup>: Bird  
 December. J married John Hawse & Amey Morgan

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For the Year. 1744

*Baptisms*

Jan<sup>r</sup>. 22. J<sup>b</sup>. Gould. Joh [ † ] Keziah  
 Feb<sup>r</sup>. 29. Step<sup>n</sup>. Hawse. Hannah  
 March. 11. Joshua Johnson & Mat<sup>b</sup>: Puffer<sup>s</sup>. Mary & Matthias  
 May. 21. E. Esty Solomon  
 June. Ephraim Pay son Henry  
 June 28. Elijah Capen. Elijah.  
 July 1. W<sup>th</sup>. Woods. Deborah.  
 July 8. J<sup>n</sup> Noise John.

\* Remember Tupper, by her former marriage, was the mother of Gen. Benjamin Tupper, a native of the territory now Sharon, who served throughout the Revolutionary War and was a pioneer in the settlement of Marietta, Ohio.

† Partly erased.

July 29. Deacon Fuller Lemuell  
September 2. John Smith & Job Swifts Samuell & Joshua  
October 7<sup>th</sup>. Clifford Belcher Preserved.

### *Marriages*

Aprill 9<sup>th</sup>. day J married John Hixson & Sarah Bird  
July. 11<sup>th</sup>. J. Married Benjamin Harlow & Abigail Hobbs.  
Novem<sup>r</sup>. 1 day. J Married William Tolman & Mary Savell.  
Nov<sup>r</sup>. 6. day J Married Josiah Hodges & Mary Cooledge

For the Year 1745.

### *Baptisms*

March. 3<sup>d</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Richards Ebenezer  
March 31<sup>th</sup>. Nathan Clark & Sam<sup>l</sup>. Gould Thomas & Mary  
May 5 Ebene<sup>r</sup>. Stearns Mary.  
May 26. Woodcock. Abigail.  
June 30. Eli: Capen. Damaris  
Ebe<sup>n</sup>. Capen Ezekill  
John. Whites David  
Mat<sup>s</sup>. Puffer. Rebecca  
Sam<sup>l</sup>. Cumings Mary  
September 19 Tho<sup>s</sup>. Randell Benjamin  
Octo<sup>r</sup>. 6. Jer<sup>h</sup>. Clarks Asa.  
Oct. 13. Clifford Belcher. Clifford  
Oct. 20. Benj<sup>n</sup>. Harlow. Hannah  
Oct. 27. Jo<sup>h</sup> Everet & E<sup>r</sup>. Hewins Edwa [torn] Joseph  
No [torn] [ torn ]  
Nov. 18. Stev<sup>n</sup> Howse twins Joseph & Benja<sup>n</sup>.  
[torn] Tolman [ torn ]

### *Marriages*

May 9<sup>th</sup> J Married Ephraim Payson, jr & Margaret Morgan.  
June 27<sup>th</sup>. J Married Ebenezer Bacon. & Rebecah Blackman  
Septem<sup>r</sup>. 12 day J Married Jsaiah Tolman & Hannah Fuller

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For the Year. 1746

### *Baptisms*

February. 2. Elijah Bakers Hannah  
February. 16. Nathaniell Holmes Benjamin  
March. 9. Nath<sup>l</sup>. Coney & Jer: Gould William & Lonis.  
May. 11. J Baptised my first child. Samuell  
May 25<sup>th</sup>. Daniell Richards. Noah. E. Estys Mary. And Sam<sup>l</sup>.  
Coneys Samuell  
June 7<sup>th</sup>. John. Gilberts John.  
July. 2<sup>d</sup>. John Jordan Mary  
September 7<sup>th</sup>. day Job. Swift. Job.

### *Marriages*

January 9<sup>th</sup>. day I Married Stephen Holland & Sarah Stone  
Nov<sup>r</sup>. 20<sup>th</sup>. day I Married Jonathan Capen, & Jerusha Talbot.

For the Year 1747.

*Baptisms*

January. 17. John Hawse Joseph  
 March. 8. Eli<sup>h</sup>. Capen. Mary.  
 March. 29. Deacon. Fullers Deborah.  
 Aprill 12. Jos<sup>a</sup>. Johnson. Rebecah  
 May. 25. Eb<sup>r</sup>. Hewins. Elijah.\*  
 June 21. Benj<sup>n</sup> Hewins. Benja<sup>n</sup>.  
 July 5. Stephen Holland. Natha<sup>l</sup>.  
 July 12. Clifford Belcher. Love  
 July. 26. Stephen Hawse. Elisabeth  
 August. 23 Jacobd Clarks twins, Billy & Salle.  
 September. 6. My Second child, Samuel & Nathan Clarks William.  
 September. 13 Benj<sup>n</sup>. Harlows Abigail /  
 October. 19 D<sup>n</sup>. Richards Hannah  
 October 26. Natha<sup>l</sup>. Coney Thomas.  
 December. 13. Eb<sup>n</sup>. Capen Lemuell  
 December 27 Elijah Baker [torn] ah

*Marriages*

January 1. I Married Ebenezer. Robins & Priscella Covill  
 February 12. I Married Benjamin Hewins & Sarah Bacon.  
 February 27. I Married Nicolas Harris & Lydia Covill  
 Aprill 23. I Married Ebenezer Dickerman & Lydia Gould  
 July. 9<sup>th</sup>. day I married Benjamin Roads & Anna Gould  
 September 22<sup>d</sup>. day. I Married John. Phillips & Mary Blancher.  
 December 10<sup>th</sup>. day J Married Joseph Roads & Sarah Barns.

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The Number of those Admitted into the chh: for the Six Years past.

|                              |                                             |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Sarah, Bird.                 | Sam <sup>l</sup> ., Coney. & his wife.      |
| Damaris, Bird.               | Matthias Puffer                             |
| Ebenezer, Capen. & his wife. | Elijah. Capen                               |
| Mary, Pay son.               | Abigail Harlow                              |
| Sarah, Pay son.              | W <sup>m</sup> . Tolman & his wife          |
| W <sup>m</sup> ., Drake.     | Ephraim Pay son <sup>jun</sup> .            |
| Amey, Hawse.                 | John. Hixson <sup>jun</sup> . & his wife. — |
| Mary, Drake.                 |                                             |

The Number of those Voted into the chh: y<sup>t</sup>. belonged to other chh:

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| John Hixson                | Benj <sup>n</sup> . Johnson. |
| Ephraim, Pay son.          | Sarah Hawse                  |
| Ebenezer. Stearns          | Elisabeth Randall            |
| Richard. Hixson & his wife | W <sup>m</sup> . Bacon       |

The Number of those y<sup>t</sup>. have Owned the Covenant for Six Years past. —

|               |                                        |
|---------------|----------------------------------------|
| John Phillips | Benj <sup>n</sup> . Hewins & his wife. |
| Elijah Baker. |                                        |

\* Dr. Elijah Hewins. Surgeon in Army 1775-1779

The Number of those y<sup>t</sup> have fallen into . . . & made Confession.\*  
 John Hixson<sup>jur.</sup> & his wife                      Benj<sup>n</sup>. Hewins & his Wife  
 Sarah Pay son

The Number of those y<sup>t</sup>. have dyed for the Six Years past. —  
 Mehitable Hixson                      John. — Richards  
 Edward Belcher                      Elijah — Capen  
 Eleazer Puffer                      Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Smith  
 Hannah Fuller & son Seth                      Preserved Belcher  
 W.— Drake                      Sam<sup>ll</sup> Curtis  
 Sarah Stone                      Noah Richard  
 Love Belcher                      [torn                      torn]  
 Josiah Blackman †                      T<sup>s</sup>.: Tupper †  
 Jeremiah. Richards                      Ab<sup>h</sup> Wood †

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For the Year 1748 —

### *Baptisms*

January. 24 Nat<sup>ll</sup>. Holmes [ † ] Sarah  
 February. 28. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Randall Samuell  
 March the 6. Jsaiah Tolman Mary.  
 March. 13. W<sup>m</sup>. Tolman. Mary  
 March 29. Jer: Gould Anna.  
 Aprill 3. Matthias Puffer Abigail  
 Aprill 10 Joseph Everet Elisabeth  
 Aprill 17 E: Pay son<sup>jr.</sup> Asa  
 May 1. John Hixson Ju<sup>r</sup>. Mary  
 June 12. Job. Swifts Jirah & John Phillips Mary  
 September 18 W—. Whoods Benjamin  
 October 16 Sam<sup>ll</sup> Cuming. Rebecca  
 November. 6 Jcabod Clark Sarah  
 Novem<sup>r</sup>. 20 Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Bird Sam<sup>ll</sup>.  
 Nov: 24. My third Child Hannah

### *Confessions*

June 12. John Phillips & his wife made confession . . .  
 November 20. Sam<sup>ll</sup>: Bird & his wife made confession . . .

### *Marriages*

Sep<sup>r</sup>. 1. I married Joseph Coney, & Sarah Savell  
 November 1<sup>st</sup>. I married Jonathan Billing Ju<sup>r</sup>. & Sarah Guild

### *Admitted into the Chh:*

Aprill 17 Admitted Bathshaba Esty. —  
 June 12 Admitted John Philips & his wife  
 Nov: 20 Admitted Sam<sup>ll</sup> Bird & wife.

\* This entire paragraph has been blurred over with ink, but is distinctly legible.

† These names are crowded into the margin. The name missing at the bottom of the page probably began with S.

‡ Mary, crossed out.

*Baptisms*

Jan: 15. John Haws John  
 March 5 E<sup>r</sup>. Hewins Ruth  
 March 26. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Coneys Priscilla  
 Aprill 2. Ben: Hewins. Sarah  
 Aprill 16 John Drake child. John.  
 May 14 Clifford Belchers & W<sup>m</sup> Woods, both Joseph<sup>s</sup>.  
 May 28. Stephen Haws child Susannah  
 June 11. Elijah. Capen child Elijah  
 August 6. Eben<sup>r</sup>. Stearns children Sarah & Joshua & Jacob Hewins  
 child Damaris  
 August 13. W<sup>m</sup>- Toleman's child Experience  
 August 16. John Whites. Jonathan  
 October 1. Uriah Leonard child Hannah & 15 Elijah Baker child  
 Thomas

*Marriages*

January 26 I marriedy Benj<sup>a</sup>. Dean & Mary Witherton  
 March 1 I married Jacob Hewins & Damaris Bird  
 March 14. I married Abraham Prible & Elizabeth Roads.  
 March 30. J marriedy Caleb. Johnson & Judith Tuckir.  
 June 13. I marriedy Thomas Nason & Mary Campernall.  
 July 18. I marriedy Sam<sup>l</sup>. Roads & Mrs Thorp.  
 August 17. I marriedy W<sup>m</sup>. Pitten \* & Rebecah Covill.

*Confessions*

Jacob Hewins & his Wife made confession . . . July 2.

*Deaths*

May 17 T<sup>s</sup>: Coney buried  
 May 18 Daniell Richards child hannah. was buried.  
 Aprill 16 The Widow Blackman was buried  
 August 17. John Whites child Jonathan was buried  
 October 19 Nath<sup>l</sup>: Woodcock was buried & 20<sup>th</sup>. Solomon Leonard.

*Admitted into chh:*

Benj<sup>n</sup>. - Drake Oct. 21 from Easton chh.  
 Nov: 19. Nat: Coney & wife admitted into chh.

*Baptisms*

Jan<sup>ry</sup>. 21 Nat: Holmes child  
 Feb: 4: D<sup>l</sup>: Richards Child Hannah  
 Mar<sup>ch</sup>: 4 Eb<sup>r</sup>: Capen & Lewis children Susannah & Mehitable  
 Aprill 15 Joseph Everet & Sam<sup>l</sup>: Bird children Oliver. & John  
 Aprill 22 W<sup>l</sup>- Smith & Benj: Harlow children Jesse & Matthew  
 Hobbs  
 May 13 Pelatiah Esty<sup>s</sup> child Keziah  
 July 1 Jer: Gould child Jere<sup>h</sup>:

\* Or: Pitter.

July 15 Matthias Puffer Jsaac  
 July 22 E. Pay son dau<sup>r</sup>. Anna  
 Aug: 19 my 4<sup>th</sup> child Eliz: & John Hixsons Jacob  
 Sep<sup>r</sup>. 16 Eb: Esty child Ebenezer  
 October 7. Stephen Hillers child. Eben<sup>r</sup>:  
 Nov. 11 Job. Swifts Charity & Jcabod Clark. Samuell

#### *Deaths*

January 1. day W. Tolmans child Mary  
 March 25: Eb<sup>r</sup>. Capens child Susannah  
 March 20. Benj<sup>n</sup>. Esty  
 Ap. 29 Samuell Billings child Livit  
 May. 1. Mrs. Esty  
 June 4 Ebe<sup>r</sup>: Billings child  
 Decem<sup>r</sup>: 10 Mat: Puffer<sup>s</sup>. Child

#### *Marriages*

May-10. I married Lemuell Lyon of Walpole & Lydia Perry of  
 Stoughton And Obadiah Haws & Tabitha Richardson both of  
 Stoug:  
 Aug<sup>t</sup>. 2 I married Sam<sup>l</sup>. Lovett & Mary Hewins  
 Octo: 18 I married John Holmes & Mehitable Hewins  
 Dec<sup>r</sup>: 31. I mar: D<sup>l</sup>: Morse & Kizia Turner Elisha Morse & Jo-  
 hannah Rogers

#### *Confessions*

#### *Admitted into Chh*

March 25 Jane Phillips Admitted & was Bap<sup>d</sup>.  
 September 16. Judith Johnson Admitted

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For the Year 1751. —

#### *Baptisms*

January 20<sup>th</sup>. Caleb Johnson child. Caleb.  
 Feb: 3. Nat: Coneys child Elizabeth  
 Feb: 17. W<sup>l</sup>. Toleman child Elisabeth  
 Feb: 24. Sam<sup>l</sup>: Cumings, Richard  
 March. 31. Clifford Belcher's Supply  
 Aprill 7. Jacob Hewins: Mary  
 Aprill 14. John Phillips John  
 Aprill 28. John Drakes. Mary  
 May 26. Elijah Baker. Abigail  
 June 20. W<sup>-</sup>. Wood Sarah. & Jonathan Willis<sup>s</sup>. Jonathan & Mary.  
 July 8. Stephen Haws children Jonathan & Johannah. —  
 Sep: 1. Elijah Capen. Sarah  
 Sep: 15. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Bird. Enoch  
 Sep: 22. Ebenezer Capen. Susannah  
 Sep: 29. Sa<sup>l</sup>. Lovell. Mary  
 Nov: 3. W<sup>-</sup>: Coney<sup>s</sup>. Oliver & Nathan Ruben Tupper child Anne

#### *Deaths*

Feb. 24 Cap<sup>t</sup>. Eben<sup>r</sup>: Billings Wife  
 March 17 Josh<sup>a</sup>: Johnson son

May 14 John Hixson. —  
July 23 Ebenezer Hewins  
October 31. John Phillips

*Marriages*

Aprill 3<sup>d</sup>. I married Nat<sup>l</sup>. Holmes jun<sup>r</sup>. & Hannah Smith

Aprill 4<sup>d</sup>. I Married Benj: Esty & Ionnah Amisbury

June 3<sup>d</sup>. I married Royall Kollock & Mary Randall

*Ad<sup>d</sup>: chh:*

September 22. Mary Lovell was taken into the chh:

Nov<sup>r</sup>. 3 William Coney & his wife, made confession . . . & The Same  
day Shee was Admitted into y<sup>e</sup> Chh

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For the Year 1752.

*Baptisms*

March 1. Nathaniell Holms Mary

March 26. Jacobod Clark Ioshua

May 10. My Twins Mary & Susannah & Stephen Hollons Child  
Sarah

June 14. Benjamin Esty<sup>s</sup> Child Ioannah

July 12 Ephr<sup>m</sup>. Pay son<sup>s</sup>; Jun<sup>r</sup>. child Mary

Sam<sup>l</sup>. Coney Child John

August 9<sup>th</sup>

August 23 Benj: Gannet Child. Hannah

October 4. Clifford Belcher's Mehitabel & W<sup>m</sup>. Toleman's Mary.

October 25 Job. Swift Unity. —

December 24 John Hixson's Hannah

*Deaths*

March 7 was buried Mary Belcher

Aprill 2 was buried Widow Rogers

Aprill 4 was buried Mrs. Harlow

Aprill 7 W<sup>m</sup>. Coney Child. Nathan

Aprill 18 Widow Esty was buried

May 29 Mrs. Curtis \* dyed

*Marriages*

January 1. I married Aaron Guild & Sarah Coney

Aprill 2 †

*Ad: into Chh:*

August 23 Benjamin Gannet & his Wife was Admitted into the Chh:

Nov: 15 Elijah Baker & his wife was admitted into the Chh:

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For the Year 1753

*Baptisms*

Jan: 7. Jere<sup>h</sup>: Gould<sup>s</sup>. Priscilla

March 11. Royall Kollock Ebenezer

Aprill 15. Will<sup>m</sup>: Coney. Abigail

May 20. Elijah Bakers. Elijah

\* Eliza Bass, wife of Rev. Philip Curtis.

† This date is crossed out.



May 27. Eleazar Haws. William  
 June 3. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Billings j<sup>nr</sup>. Levit.  
 June 10. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Birds child. Elijah  
 June 24. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Cumings child John & John Drakes child Archippus  
 July 8. Stephen Haws child Ann.  
 July 15. Jacob Hewins child Jacob.  
 August 21. Rubin Tuppers child. Remember.  
 Sep: 9. Natha<sup>l</sup>: Coney child Mehitable & Matthias Puffers Child  
     Benjamin  
 October 8. Elijah Billings Elizabeth  
 Dec<sup>r</sup>: 9. Daniell Richards. Jeremiah  
*Deaths*  
 Aprill 26<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Pierce was buried  
 Aprill 28. Jacob Esty<sup>s</sup> Negro child was buried  
*Marriages*  
 Feb: 8 Benjamin Pitte & Hannah Morse was Married  
 October 25. I married Ezekiel Pierce & Rachel Copp: And Josiah  
     Wentworth & Hannah Pettingal  
*Ad: into Chh:*  
 January 7<sup>th</sup> Mary Kollock was taken into the Chh:  
 Aprill 15. Nathan Clark was Received into the Chh: from the 1<sup>s</sup>  
     Chh: in this Town at Stoughton  
 September 23. Elisabeth Randal j<sup>nr</sup>. was taken into Chh:

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#### For the Year 1754

##### *Baptisms*

March 24 Nat: Holmes Child Benjamin  
 Aprill 21. Eben<sup>r</sup>. Stearns Child, Abigail. & M<sup>r</sup>. Savage Child, Nathan  
 Aprill 28 Benj: Estys Child Patience  
 June 16. Sam<sup>l</sup> Coneys child Jacob. & Ephraim Payson's child  
     Ephraim.  
 June 30. W<sup>l</sup>: Tolman<sup>s</sup>, Child Samuel  
 July 1. Benj<sup>n</sup>. Gannets child Benjamin.  
 July 14. Sam<sup>l</sup>: Lovel Child Joseph  
 July 21. Jonathan Willis - Child. Rebecca  
 Sep<sup>r</sup>: 1 Job Swift child Philip & Pelatiah Esty child Samuell  
 Sep<sup>r</sup>: 8 Sam<sup>l</sup>: Bird<sup>s</sup> Child Anna  
 Nov: 24. Ebe<sup>r</sup>- Capen. Sam<sup>l</sup>.

##### *Deaths*

April 29 Stephen Hollands Infant Child was buried  
 July 19 Sam<sup>l</sup>. Coney's Child was buried  
 Octo. 17. Job Swift's Child Philip was buried  
 Nov: 13 Job Swifts Child Charity was buried

##### *Marriages*

March. 7 I married Edward Bullard & Abigail Coney.  
 Aug: 13 I married Simeon Tupper & Anna Capen  
*Ad: into Chh: —*

March 10. Hannah Everet was Admitted into the Chh:  
 March 31. Susannah Swift was Admitted into the Chh

June 16. Elisabeth Wood was Admitted into the Chh:  
 October 27. Edward Bullard & wife made confession . . . & owned  
 the Covenant

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For the Year 1755.

*Baptisms*

January 13. Elijah Baker Child Mary  
 January 20. Royall Kollock Child Cornelius  
 April 13. John Comey Child Jerusha  
 May 18. Stephen Hawse & Simion Tupper Children. Patience & John  
 June 8. Simeon Tupper & John Sumner Children Elisabeth & Wil-  
 liam  
 June 22. Jacob Hewins' Child Sarah  
 June 29. John Draks Twins Will<sup>r</sup>. & Joanna John Hixsons Child.  
 Mehitable  
 July 3. Stephen Hollans child Huldah  
 July 20. Jere<sup>h</sup>. Gould's Child Ezra.  
 August 10 my Son Philip was baptised  
 August 24. Lieu<sup>t</sup>. Billings Child. Jacob.  
 Nov: 9. Sam<sup>l</sup>: Cony Child Susannah.

*Deaths*

Feb. 19. Peletiah Esty Child was buried.  
 Feb. 20. Eb<sup>r</sup>. Billing Child was buried  
 Feb. 25. Elder Hewins was buried  
 March 18. John Whites Son Simeon was buried  
 April 13. W.<sup>r</sup> Whood Child was buried  
 April 18. John White oldest dau was buried  
 May 3. Widow Hewins was buried. —  
 May 12. John White Son Levi was buried. —  
 June 6. Mrs Gilbert was buried  
 June 8. W<sup>m</sup>. Tolman Child was buried  
 June 29. Massah Gilbert was buried. —  
 July 5. Mrs. Tolman was buried  
 July 18. Eben: Capen's Son, was buried.

*Marriages*

March 13. I married, John Johnson & Sarah Swift  
 April 30. I married George Forrest, & Esther Nichols  
 Decem<sup>r</sup>: 8. I married Sam<sup>l</sup>. Stacey & Elis<sup>th</sup>. Woods

*Ad: into Chh.*

May 18. Simeon Tupper & wife made confession . . . & owned the  
 Covenant, & He was admitted into the Chh:  
 June 8<sup>th</sup> Margret Payson & Hannah Sumner were Admitted into  
 the Chh. —

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For the Year 1756

*Baptisms*

January 25. Mr. Guild's Children. Lois & Moses.  
 March 7. M<sup>r</sup>. Ephraim Payson jur. Child Judith

March 21. Sam<sup>l</sup> Birds Child Elisabeth & Benj<sup>n</sup>. Hewins Child Me-  
hitable

April 4.<sup>th</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>. Cumings Child Joseph

May 2 Nat: Holmes Child Ann

August 29 Da<sup>ll</sup>. Richard Child Anna & Solomon Gilberts Child  
Solomon

September 12 Jsaac Johnson Child Benjamin

October 3 Stephen Holland's Child. Mary.

November 30 Jcabod Clark's Child. Elisabeth

#### *Deaths*

Jan: 15 Simeon Tupper Child buried.

May 16 Widow Haws dyed-

May 22 Lieut. Holms wife was buried

August 20. Sarah Belcher was buried

#### *Marriages*

August 19. I married Seth Pierce & Angelot Clark

November 25. I married D<sup>n</sup>. Bedlow & Hannah Belcher

#### *Ad: into Chh:*

January 25 Moses Guild & his wife Admitted into the Chh.

August 1 Lydia Gilbert was Admitted into the Chh.

Sep<sup>r</sup>. 12. Hannah Johnson's [ \* ] owned the Covenant.

October 31. Martha White Benj<sup>n</sup>: Savel j<sup>r</sup>. & his wife & Hannah  
Belcher Admitted into the Chh:

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For the Year 1757

#### *Baptisms*

Sam<sup>l</sup>. Lovel<sup>s</sup> Child Ebenezer January 2.

My Son Oliver January 30

March 13. Elijah Baker Child Susannah & Simeon Tupper's Child  
Thomas.

April 24- Isaac Johnson<sup>s</sup> Child Ruth.

May 23. Elijah Capen's Child Sam<sup>l</sup>: & Benj<sup>n</sup>. Savel's Child Hannah.

July 10. Mr. Gannet Child. Benjmin. †

July 24. M<sup>r</sup> Comey's Child Oliver

August 7. M<sup>r</sup>. John Hixson's Child, Joseph.

Sep: 4. M<sup>r</sup>. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Cumings<sup>Jur</sup>. Child Elisabeth

Sep<sup>r</sup>: 18 M<sup>r</sup>. Jacob Hewins Child Hannah

Sep<sup>r</sup>. 25. M<sup>r</sup>. Jacob Esty<sup>Jun</sup>. Child Jacob

October 17. M<sup>r</sup>. Benj<sup>n</sup>. Esty Child Unity.

December 25 Stephen Haws child Stephen

Dec: 11 John Summers Child Hepzibah

#### *Deaths*

Benj<sup>n</sup>. Gannets Son Benj<sup>n</sup>. Febr. 7

March. 7 Two Children of the Morses

October 13 M<sup>r</sup>. Jer: Belcher's Infant Child was buried

\* The word *wife* has been blotted out.

† Benj. Gannet who married Deborah Sampson the Revolutionary Heroine.

### *Marriages*

October 6. I married David Man & Anna Randal  
Nov: 17 I married Zebulon Holmes & Abigail Savel  
Nov. 24 I married Nat: Clark & Mary \* Coney. —  
November 29. I married Edward - Bridge Savel † & Mary Richards  
December 22. I married William Billing & Sarah Nason

#### *Add: into Chh:*

July 10. Admitted Sam<sup>l</sup>. Cumings Jur. & his wife  
September 25 Admitted Iacob Esty <sup>junr.</sup> & his wife

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For the Year 1758. —

### *Baptisms*

Feb: 12. Sam<sup>l</sup>: Coney<sup>s</sup>. Child Jacob.  
Feb: 26. J baptised Moses Guild Child. Abnah.  
May 17 I baptised M<sup>r</sup>. Gould Child Zeppurah  
April 4. Isaac Johnsons Child Hannah.  
Jacobod Clark Child Eben<sup>r</sup>. July 5.  
July 9. Nathaniel Holmes Child Stephen  
August 13. Stephen Holland's Child Massa  
August 27. Ephraim Pay son Child Samuell  
Sep<sup>r</sup>. 17. John Johnson Children Joshua & Benjamin.  
Nov: 5. Edward bridge Savil Child William  
December: 3 My Son Edward was baptised.  
December 31. David Richards Son Elijah.

### *Deaths*

January 30 Pelatiah Whitemore was buried  
Feb: 1 Solomon Gilbert Child was buried  
June 12 Eben<sup>r</sup>. Billings Child was buried  
October latter end Cap<sup>t</sup> Eb<sup>r</sup>. Billings was buried  
December 4. Tim: Morse Child was buried

### *Marriages*

February 9. I married Ezekiel Peirce & Patience Copp. —  
March 30 I married Nat: Morse & Susannah Bacon  
August 24 — I Married Comfort Why ton & Grace M<sup>e</sup>-Faden  
Nov: 14 I married W<sup>m</sup>. Richards & On: Cummings

#### *Add: Chh:*

June 11. Admitted Jeremiah Belcher Ju<sup>r</sup>. & wife  
August 27. Elisabeth Hixson was Admitted into the Chh:  
November 5 ‡ Edward Bridge Savel & his wife made Confession . . .  
& Owned the Covenant  
Nov: 12. Elisabeth Capen made Confesion . . . & owned the  
Covenant.

\* Written over *Sarah*.

† Edward Bridge Savel was Captain of the 1st Company of Stoughtonham Militia, under Colonel Robinson. They marched on the alarm of April 10. 1775. He was captain of other companies, serving seven years.

‡ This figure has been marked over. It may be a 6.

## For the Year 1759

*Baptisms*

January. 7<sup>th</sup> Nat<sup>l</sup>. Clark Junr Child. Mary  
 Feb: 4. W.— Billings Child- Oliver  
 Feb: 11. Jacob Esty's Child Oliver  
 March 4. Elisabeth Capin's child Unis  
 March \* 8. W—. Savage Child Jesse. & Elijah Baker's child Me-  
 hitable  
 April 15. Benj<sup>a</sup> Savil child Sarah.  
 May 11. I baptised Reuben Tupper's children Abigail & Reuben  
 Aug. 5. Benj. White Children baptised. Mehitable, Mary & Moses.  
 Sep: 23. Cap<sup>t</sup>. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Billings Spencer & Simeon Tupper's. Elisabeth  
 Sep<sup>r</sup>. 30. Benj. Gannits Joseph & M<sup>r</sup>. Belchers Sarah.  
 Dec: 30. John Hixsons Child Jeremi.  
 Octo: 14. Moses Guild Samuel  
 Nov: 18. Royall Kollock Mary & Sol: Gilbert's Eben<sup>r</sup>.  
 Nov. 25. Jacob. Hewins Child John

*Deaths*

Feb. 22 M<sup>rs</sup>. Whittimore was buried  
 May 7. Josiah Morse Child buried  
 May 12 Ezekiel Pierce's wife was buried  
 May 21 Joseph Ingraham's Child buried  
 Elisabeth Capen's Child buried  
 Ezekiel Peirce

*Marriages*

January 4 I married Nat: Capen & Susanna Swift. —  
 June 26 I Married Jsaiah Tolman, & Margaret Robins  
 July 5<sup>th</sup> I married Lieut. Timothy Bacon of Natick & Sarah White  
 Widow of Stoughton And Joshua Whittemore & Susannah Pay-  
 son.  
 Nov. 27. I married W.— Hewins & Ruth Cumings  
 Nov: 29. I Mar<sup>d</sup>. Josiah Blackman & Experience Fuller.  
 December, I married Thomas Manley & Experience Swift.

*Add: Chh:*

Jan<sup>r</sup>. 7. Nat: Clark & his wife Addmitted into y<sup>e</sup> Chh:  
 February. 4 W.— Richards Ju<sup>r</sup>. & his wife Sarah Billing wife of W.—  
 Billings, & Daniel Bacon Admitted into the Chh: —  
 March 18 Judith Payson Admitted into the Chh.  
 Aug: 5. Benjamin White & wife Ad: into the Chh:  
 Sep: 9 SuSannah Whittemore Admitted into y<sup>e</sup> Chh  
 Oct 28- Experience Fuller Admitted into the Chh:

## For the Year 1760. —

*Baptisms*

January 27. Judith Ingraham  
 Feb: 3. W—. Tolman, child. Daniell. & W—. Richards child Ann.

\* Written over April.

Feb: 10. Nat: Capen<sup>s</sup> Child Ebenezer  
 Feb. 24. John Rhodes. Zebulon  
 April 26. John Drakes Zalpha  
 June 8. Jeremiah Gould Seth  
 July 6 Natha<sup>l</sup>. Holms. Abigail  
 July 13. Joshua Whittemore Sam<sup>l</sup>:  
 July 20. Benj<sup>n</sup>. Hewins. Experience  
 August 10. Edward Savil Child Mary  
 Aug<sup>t</sup>. 24. Josiah Blackman Children Josiah & Experience

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Sep: 7. Mr. Comey's. Spencer  
 Oc: 5. Benj: Esty's Child Job.  
 Oc: 12. Sam: Rhodes children [torn] m<sup>l</sup>. Adam. A[bi]gail & Elisabeth  
 John Holms Twins Kesiah, & Hannah  
 Nov: 23 Job: Rhodes Joshua  
 Nov: 28 John Johnson Child Lydia

#### *Deaths*

April 1 Cap<sup>t</sup>. John son Was buried  
 April 6 W<sup>d</sup>. Warrin was buried  
 May 6 Mr. Deberiks buried  
 June. 4 M<sup>rs</sup>. Boyden  
 June 28 Elisabeth Capen Buried  
 July 25 M<sup>rs</sup> Ingraham buried  
 Nov: 28 M<sup>rs</sup> Capen buried

#### *Marriages*

Feb: 7. I Married Benjamin Carril & Judith Ingram  
 March 6. I married Sam<sup>l</sup>. Payson † & Sarah Noys. —  
 March 27 J married Elisabeth Savel & Ensign Robins  
 June 26. I Married Joseph white & Sarah Drake  
 July 3. I married Sam<sup>l</sup>. Lovel & Mary Smith.  
 August 5 J married Nathan Clark & Hannah Everet.  
 October 2. J Married Elijah Hawse & Abigail Everet. —

#### *Ad — Chh:*

Judith Ingraham. Ad: into Chh: Jan<sup>y</sup>. 27.  
 Josiah Blackman Add: into Chh:  
 Feb the 24  
 October 12 Abigail Rhodes Admitted into Chh:  
 December 21. John Everet made Confession . . . & was Admitted  
 into Chh

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For the Year 1761

#### *Baptisms*

March 15: Solomon Gilbert's Child Lydia.  
 March 21. Sam Coney Child David

\* Sep: 7. Joseph Rhodes Spencer. [This entry has been ruled out.]

† Captain Stoughtonham Company 1775.

March 22 Nat. Capen's Child. Elisabeth  
 March 29. [ \* ] Ephraim Payson: Susannah  
 April 5. Zebulon Holmes Children. Zebulon & Abigail  
 Aprill 19. Eb<sup>r</sup> Billings Child Hepzibah & Widow Lewis Child Benjamin.  
 Aprill 26. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Payson Child Samuell  
 May. 17. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Bird<sup>s</sup> Child Ebenezer.  
 June 20. W<sup>m</sup>. Coney's Children Wille & Molle  
 July 4. Jer: Belcher jun<sup>r</sup>. Amey & Ben. Savel<sup>s</sup>. Oliver  
 July 20. Jacob Johnson. Oliver  
 Sep: 6. Jacob Esty jr. [torn]annuel & [ † ] [torn]oses Guild Luce.  
 Aug<sup>t</sup> 30 W.- Richards Jeremiah  
 Sep: 20 Jsraell Smith ‡ Child Jsraell  
 Nov: 8 Elij. Hawse Child Cloe  
 Nov: 29. John Summers Child John  
 Sam: Cumings Child. Sam<sup>l</sup>.  
 Nat: Clarks Child Elisabeth

#### *Deaths*

March 21. Sam<sup>l</sup>: Coney<sup>s</sup> Child David Dyed  
 May 12 Solomon Gilbert's Child dyed Lydia  
 May 29 M<sup>r</sup>. Noise buried.  
 Sep: [blot]. M<sup>r</sup> Payson buried  
 Sep: 15 James Field buried  
 December 15. Sol: Gilbert Child buried.

#### *Marriages*

January 8 J married Seth Boyden & Mary Patten  
 January 29 I married John Oliver & Huldah Rhodes  
 Feb: 5. I Married Ezekiel Pierce & Phebe Farrington  
 Feb: 16. I Married John Forrest & Susannah Perry  
 Aprill 16 J married Jonathan Belcher & Sarah Richards  
 Nov: 12. J married Tho<sup>r</sup>: Whitney & Mehitable Bacon.

#### *Add: Chh.*

March 28 Abigail Holmes Ad: into the Chh  
 April 26. Sam<sup>l</sup>: Pay son Admitted into the Chh  
 June 6. Sarah Payson wife of Sam<sup>l</sup>. Pay son Admitted into Chh  
 July 20 Eben<sup>r</sup>. Hewins. Jacob Johnson & wife Admitt: into Chh.  
 Sep<sup>r</sup>. 6. Elijah Hawse & wife Ad: into y<sup>r</sup>. Chh.  
 Nov: 13. The wife of John Everet was Ad. into. Chh:

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For the Year 1762.

#### *Baptisms*

Feb: 28 E<sup>r</sup>. Hewins Child Mihitable  
 March 28 Royall Kollock Child Zeruiah  
 April 18. Isaac Johnson Child Obed.  
 June 20 Benj<sup>a</sup>. Billings Child, Benjamin

- Solon. Gilbert's [blotted out.]

‡ W. Whood [blotted out.]

‡ Captain of Alarm Co. Apr. 19, 1775.



June 27 Joshua Whittemore Joshua  
 July 18. Nat. Morse Child Nathaniell  
 Aug: 15. John Hixson, Child Olive & Elijah Baker Child Mary,  
 Anna  
 Aug: 29 My Child Calvin; Gannets Jonathan Z: Holms Olive.  
 Octo: 16. John Comey, Abigail & Nathan Clark Etheridge  
 Nov: 13. W<sup>r</sup>. Coney, Priscilla  
 December 5 [worn]t Morey

#### *Deaths*

Jan<sup>r</sup>. 14 M<sup>r</sup>. Hobbs Buried  
 March 9. M<sup>r</sup>. Harlow Child Buried  
 June 2 W<sup>r</sup> Billing Child Oliver was buried  
 May 25 John Sumners Child was buried  
 Sep<sup>r</sup>. 4 Ezikiel Peirce Child was buried  
 Nov: 22 M<sup>rs</sup>. Whittimore buried  
 December 3. Nat: Morse Child buried

#### *Marriages.*

January. 14 J Married W<sup>r</sup>. Marshall & Phebe Welchman  
 October 7 I married Solomon Coming & Rebecca Coney.  
 October 19 J married Philip Withington & Rebecah Fuller  
 Nov: 8. I Married Thomas Nason & Jenima Clark.  
 December 2 J married Sam<sup>l</sup>. Holmes & Susannah Cumings.  
 December 28. J married John Esty & Abigail Gould.

#### *Add. Chh:*

June 20. Benj<sup>n</sup>. Billings & wife made Confession . . . & Admitted  
 into the Chh:  
 Nov: 13. Jon<sup>a</sup>: Belcher & wife Ad: into Chh:

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#### *Baptisms*

Sam: Payson Child John.  
 March 13. Nat<sup>r</sup>- Capen Child Susanna & Jonathan Belchers Olive  
 March 20. John Johnson Child John.  
 March: David Fisher Children David Moses & Aaron-  
 April 3. Jer<sup>h</sup>. Belcher Jun<sup>r</sup>. Child Edward.  
 April. Ed<sup>d</sup>. Bridge Savel child Olive  
 May 1. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Bird. Oliver  
 May 30. Tho: Fisher: Mary  
 June 12. Jacob Hewins. Joseph  
 June 19. W<sup>r</sup>. Richards Jun<sup>r</sup>. William & John Sumner Child Isese  
 July 17. Dr. Hewins Child, Catherine  
 Aug 7. Moses Guild. George Jacob Esty. Child Mehitabel.  
 Sep<sup>r</sup>: 12. Benj<sup>n</sup>. Savel Child Benjamin. Elijah Hawse Elijah John  
 Holmes Keziah  
 Sep<sup>r</sup>: 19 Eben<sup>r</sup>. — Billing Child Jonas.  
 Octo: 9. Joseph Rhodes Child Asa.  
 Octo: 30. Isaac Johnson Child Josiah  
 December 25. Jacob Johnsons Child Jacob.



### *Deaths*

March Ruso French man  
April 5. M<sup>r</sup>. Gilbert  
August 3 Cap<sup>t</sup>. Toleman was buried  
Decem<sup>r</sup>: 5. Jere: Belchers Child Buried

### *Marriages*

Aprill 19 J married John Coney & Kesia Holmes  
Aprill 22 Nat. Fisher & Hannah Baker. —  
May 5- I Married W<sup>-</sup>: Withinton & Elisabeth Richards.  
Octo: 13. I Mar: W<sup>-</sup>. Bacon & Kizia Gould  
Nov: 29. Benjamin Richards & Mary Belcher. —

### *Add: into Chh:*

May 12. Add: into the Chh: Damaris Capen  
July 17. Add: D<sup>r</sup>. Hewins & his Wife.  
October 9 Admitted into Chh: Rebecah Cumings  
October 30. Admitted into Chh: Sarah Hewins

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For the Year 1764.

### *Baptisms*

Feb: 19. Israell Smith Child Levi  
March 11. Philip Withinton Child Rebecca  
March 18. Silas Morse. Child Silas  
Aprill 1. Eb<sup>r</sup>. Hewins. Susannah & Benj<sup>n</sup>. Billings Sarah.  
April 8. Sam<sup>l</sup>: Holmes Child. Sam<sup>l</sup>:  
April 15. Nat: Clark's Child Abigail  
April 29. John Esty Child John  
May 8. John Coney Child Sarah.  
May 12. M<sup>r</sup>. Gay Children Abigail & Louis  
May 20. John Everet Child Susannah. & W<sup>-</sup>. Withinton Child William  
May 28. Nat: Kingsbury Child Oliver  
June 10. M<sup>r</sup>. Whittemore Child Susannah. —  
July 29. Royall Kollock Child Thomas.  
Sep<sup>r</sup>. 9 Benj<sup>n</sup>. White Child. Sam<sup>l</sup>.  
Oct: 29. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Holmes Child Elijah.

### *Deaths*

March 25 Philip Withinton Child Rebecca was buried  
May 9<sup>th</sup> Zebulon Holms Child was buried  
May 19 Elisabeth Esty was buried.  
May 24 Benj<sup>n</sup>. Billings wife was Buried  
July 1. Daniel Bacon buried  
July 8 Nat: Capen Child buried  
July 13 Sam: Bird Child buried  
W: Billings Child buried Aug: 23  
E: Baker October 15  
Nov: 10: Eb<sup>r</sup>. Esty's wife

### *Marriages*

January 11 J Married Jonathan Clark & Mary Ingram

January 20 J Married Eleazer Blackman & Mary Tupper  
 Feb: 7. J Married Jacob Hawse & Elisabeth Hewins. —  
 Aug<sup>t</sup>. 9- J married Nehemiah Clark & Judith Payson  
 Sep<sup>r</sup>. 27. J married Noah Woodward & Mary Fuller  
 Octo. 4 I married Jacob Gould & Unity Holmes  
 Octo 24. I Married Micah Allen & Catherine Everet  
 Nov: 7 Mat Puffer & Olive Bo[den]

*Add: Chh:*

January 15 Philip Withinton & his Wife Ad: into Chh:  
 March 11. Wife of Silas Morse Add. into Chh:  
 March 18 Add. Jo: Jngraham  
 April 8. — Ad: Sam<sup>l</sup>: Holmes & wife & William Withinton & his wife  
 Aprill 29. Ad: John Esty & Wife & Abigail Gay.  
 May 8. Add: John Coney & his wife  
 May 10. Add. Hannah Kingsbury.  
 July 8. Mary Savell Add:  
 July 29. Deliverance Morse was Add:

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*Baptisms*

Feb: 11. P: Witthington: Hannah  
 Feb: 17. John Johnson Mary  
 March 10. Sam<sup>l</sup> Payson<sup>s</sup> Sarah  
 Joseph Morse<sup>s</sup> Child Charlotte & Na<sup>t</sup>. Morses Child Hannah. March  
 17.  
 March 21. Jer. Belchers. Susannah  
 April 14. Josiah Blackman. Mary  
 May 5. E. Baker Child. John. & D<sup>r</sup>. Hewins<sup>s</sup>. Mary  
 May 25. Sam<sup>l</sup>: Bird Child. Mary  
 June 2. W<sup>-</sup>. Richard Child. John. & Nehemiah Clark<sup>s</sup> Olive  
 June 23. Zebulon Holmes Child Olive  
 July 21. Benj. Richard Child Mary  
 July 28. John Drake's Child Andrew.  
 Aug: 11. Benj: Savel Child. John.  
 Sep<sup>r</sup>. 8. Edward Savil Child Edward  
 [worn]<sup>r</sup>. 16. John Coney Child Ellenor.  
 June John Holmes Child Enoch  
 Decem: 29 John Esty Child Elisabeth  
 Nov. 17 Tho<sup>s</sup> Fisher Child Lucee  
 Dec: 1 Benj. Gannet Mary.  
 Gill Morse Esrom  
 Micah Allen Micah  
 E. Blackman Submitt.

*Deaths*

Jan: 6. M<sup>r</sup>. Allins Child buried  
 June 11. Mr Nehemiah Clark Child Buried  
 June 24: D<sup>r</sup>. Hewins Child buried  
 June 25. Nat: Capen was buried

### *Marriages*

March 28 I married John Dunbar & Esther Boyden  
& Jacob Boyden & Sarah Patten  
April 16 J Married Gay & Mary Esty. —  
April. 25. J married James Field & Mary Wood Cock  
May 7. I married Ezra Marsh & Susannah Guild  
Aug: 30 I married Consider Osyer & Deliverance Rhoads. .  
Decr. 19 I Married David White & Louis Morse And Daniel Richards & Ann Coney

### *Add: Chh*

March 31 Admitted into y<sup>e</sup> Chh Benjami<sup>n</sup>: Richards & his Wife  
Aug<sup>t</sup>. later End The Widow Noise Received f- the Chh of Taunton  
Nov 12 Ad: Mary Tupper  
Decem: 1 Micah Allen & his Wife Admitted into the Chh.

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For the Year 1766.

### *Baptisms*

Jan<sup>r</sup>. 26. Er. Capen Child Nathaniel  
Feb: 24. Nathan Clark's. Thacher  
March 30. Joshua Whittemore Child Joseph: W<sup>m</sup>. Withinton: Nathaniel  
April: 6. Sol: Gilbert. Child Ruth & W<sup>m</sup>. Billings Jun<sup>r</sup>.\* Child. William  
April 13. John Everet's Elisabeth  
May 28 Jacob Esty's Samuell & Er. Billings Mary  
June 3 Lev<sup>t</sup>. Guild [ † ] Nath<sup>l</sup>. Joseph Rhodes Drucilla & Mr. Fairbanks. Benj<sup>n</sup>.  
July 27. Jacob Johnson: David  
Aug: 3. Ruben Tupper Thomas  
Sep: 1 Dr. Hewins Child Mary.  
Sep: 15. J. Sumner Hanah. J. Coney Eunice. Royall Kollock Elisabeth J. Johnson. Abigail. —  
Sep: 21. Jo: Morse Javin. Ne: Clark Asa. Nat: Morse Lucee. —  
Sep: 28 E. Hewins Child Hannah  
Oct: 10 Moses Guild. Charles  
Nov: 30 Jer: Belcher Elisabeth  
Decem<sup>r</sup>. 15 Sam<sup>l</sup>: Holmes Child Susannah  
Dr. 28. Ben. Richard Child Elisabeth

### *Deaths*

March 28 Josiah Moses Wife buried  
May 20. Micah Allen Child buried  
June 17. Nathan Clarks Child buried  
June 22. Nathaniel Clarks Child buried  
Aug: 4. Ruben Tupper Thomas Child buried  
De: 8 John Smith Ju<sup>n</sup> & Child buried  
Dr. Cap<sup>t</sup> [stained] Child & Job [ ‡ ] child buried

\* Capt. William Billings under Col. Gill. Feb. 16, 1770.

† Drucilla [ruled out.]

‡ Stained. Probably *Tupper*.

### *Marriages*

Aprill 3 J married Benj<sup>n</sup>. Ingraham & Abigail Rhods  
Aprill 17 J Married Jacob Leonard & Molly Billings  
Aprill 23 J married Joseph Evens & Amey Payson  
Aprill 30 I married Elkanah Hixson & Hannah Hewins  
Aug<sup>t</sup>. 7 Married Ezekiel Capen & Mary Cummings  
Oc. 30 I married Sam<sup>l</sup>. Hixson & Hannah Harlow  
Nov: 3 I married Henry Payson & Mary Johnson And W<sup>-</sup>. Price &  
Susannah Capen  
D<sup>r</sup>. 18 I married Enoch Hewins & Sarah Hewins

### *Add: Chh:*

Feb. 24. Add: W<sup>-</sup>. Hewins Wife  
Aprill 6 W<sup>-</sup>. Billings & Wife Ad: into Chh:  
May 12 Add M<sup>rs</sup> Fairbanks  
June 16 Deacon Fuller's Wife Add: f- Dorchester Chh.  
D<sup>r</sup>. 15 Susannah Price made Confession . . . & the Chh manifested  
y<sup>r</sup>. forgiveness.—

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### *Baptisms*

Feb<sup>r</sup> 15. P. Withertons Child Philip  
Feb: 22. Ruth Tisdall was Baptised  
March 1. D<sup>h</sup>. Richards Ju<sup>r</sup>. Child Baptised. Edward.  
March 15. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Payson Child Meletiah.  
March 22. Micah Allen Child Catherine  
April 5. Sol: Gays Child Joell. —  
April. 19. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Bird's Child Sarah Jacob Hawse Jacob & Eze:  
Capen: Ezekiel.  
April 25. John Johnson: Job.  
May 3. Wi: Price Nancy & Israell Smiths Joel  
May 26. Gilead Morse: Gilead  
June 21. W<sup>-</sup>. Richard: Sarah  
July 5. Oliver [blot] Children Huldah, Mary, Susannah  
And Jo: Belcher's Hannah  
Sep<sup>r</sup>. 14. W<sup>-</sup>. Billings Child. Oliver  
Sep<sup>r</sup>. 27. Na<sup>t</sup>: Kingsbury Child Hannah: Benjamin Fairbanks Jere-  
miah Mat: Puffer<sup>r</sup>. John & Olive  
Nov: 8. Bap: Zeb: Holmes Child. Jesse. —  
Nov: 15. Lem: Fuller's Child Jeremiah.  
December 27. I Baptised Henry Payson's Child. Patience-

### *Deaths*

Aprill 30 was Buried Stephen Holland.  
Aug<sup>t</sup>. 23. Eliz. Tolman Buried  
Dec: 2. John Smith was buried

\* Children Baptised to End of this Year 441.

Deaths in the Same time 117 in Number.

\* This item was written lengthways of the page.

*Marriages*

January. 12. J Married Uriah Atherton \* & Mary Savage: So Called.

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March 12. I Married Lem: Fuller & Ruth Tisdall

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April. 30 J Married Edmund Quincy ‡ & Hannah Gannet

June 25. I Married Nath: Coney<sup>Jr.</sup> & Mary Clark.

July 9. I Married W<sup>r.</sup> Ormsbey & Jane Ripley

Aug<sup>t.</sup> 28. I Married Daniel Allen & Sarah Baker

Decer: 2. I married Richard Hixson<sup>Jr.</sup> & Mary Stickney

*Add: into Chh:*

Feb: 8. Daniel Richard Ju<sup>r.</sup> & wife Add: into Chh:

Feb. 22. Ruth Tisdall Ad: into the Chh:

March 15. Ad. Ezekiel Capen & his Wife

March 30. Ad: Mary Atherton.

April 19. Ad: Jacob Hawse & his wife.

May. 3. Ad Rebecah Tupper.

July 5. Ad: Huldah Oliver

Sep<sup>r.</sup> 21. Ad. Matthias Puffer Ju<sup>r.</sup> & his Wife

Oct: 11. Ad. Mary Johnson

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*Baptisms*

Feb: John Oliver Child John

March 13. W<sup>r.</sup> Coney<sup>s.</sup>, Child Daniel. Benj: Hewins Child David.

Nathan Clark's Child Etheridge. Benj: Richard. Benjamin. —

Jacob Haws Child Sarah.

March 27. W<sup>r.</sup> Witherton Child Name Elisabeth.

April 3 Jsaac Johnson Child Daniel. ———

\* Superintendent of the Stoughtonham forge for the manufacture of cannon for the Revolutionary War.

† Here the baptisms of Ruth Tisdall, Edward Richards and Meletiah Puffer were entered and crossed out.

‡ Edmund Quincy V., oldest son of Edmund Quincy IV. of Braintree and Boston and his wife Elizabeth, (Wendell), was born in Boston Apr. 15, 1725. His sister Dorothy was the wife of Gov. John Hancock. Hannah Gannet, dau. of Benjamin and Mary (Copeland) Gannet, was the third wife of Edmund Quincy V. About the time of his marriage to her, he bought a farm of 150 acres in Stoughtonham (now Sharon). On June 6, 1770, in company with Col. Richard Gridley and Joseph Jackson, he purchased 450 acres, including Massapoag Pond, for the purpose of extracting iron ore for the manufacture of war supplies. They bought a furnace, partially drained the pond, built roads, dug and prepared the ore, and had the product in readiness to supply the Committee of Safety, who on Jan. 24, 1774, ordered cannon, ball and shot, in certain quantities, to be carried to storehouses in Worcester, Sudbury, etc. From these stations, supplies were distributed to the colonists, who were thus made ready for the Lexington alarm and the raids that were to follow. Mortars also were made and tested at the Pond, sent in to Roxbury, and used for the fortification of Dorchester Heights.

The part thus played in Colonial History by Edmund Quincy V. was no less important than that of his brother-in-law, John Hancock, the Governor-to-be, and their friend Samuel Adams, whose names, however, are better known to posterity.

April 11. Benj: White. Bulah  
 May 1. Atherton Child Susannah  
 May 22. Ed. Savil Child Elisabeth  
 May 27. Elijah Baker James  
 June 5. Elk: Hixson. Hannah  
 Jun. 12. Mr. Raynolds Benj:  
 July 31. Benj: Savil. Susannah.  
 August 14. Moses Guild Nat<sup>l</sup>  
 Aug<sup>t</sup>. 21. Sol: Gay<sup>s</sup>. David  
 Sep. 4. Benj. Billings James Eleazer Blackman: Philip Nehe<sup>b</sup>. Clark.  
 Elkanah  
 Sep<sup>r</sup>. 11. W<sup>-</sup>. Hewens Ruth, William, Eben<sup>r</sup>. Amasa & Rebecca  
 Sep<sup>r</sup>. 2. Was Baptised My Son Francis & Lemuel Hixsons Child  
 Lucee  
 Oct. 15. R. Kollocks. Esther Nat. Morse's Nancey Henry Payson-  
 Mary  
 October 23. John Hixsons Eunice & Cate  
 De<sup>r</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup>: Hixson Child Cloee \*  
*Deaths*  
 April 19 M<sup>rs</sup> Payson was Buried  
 June 8. John Everets Child  
 Nov<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>rs</sup> Tupper

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#### *Marriages*

March 29. I Married Josiah Morse & Dority Wood. —  
 March 31. I Married Benj: Bats & Abigail Billings.  
 Aug: 25 I Married Zephiniah Wood & Mary Lyon  
 Sep<sup>r</sup>. 14. Married Job Swift & Rebecca Cummins

#### *Ad: into Chh:*

May 22. Ad: into Chh: Hannah Hixson & Catharine Raynolds  
 December. 10. Ad: Sam<sup>l</sup>: Hixson

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#### *Baptisms*

Jan: 1. Sam<sup>l</sup>: Hixson<sup>s</sup>. Cloe  
 Jan. 29. Jer: Belcher's Child Andrew. John Johnson<sup>s</sup> Child Dina.  
 Gilead Morses John  
 March 19. Sam<sup>l</sup> Hixs: Zilpah  
 March 26. Jos: Morse. Joseph  
 April 2. W<sup>-</sup>. Richards Jun<sup>r</sup>. Child Susannah & P: Witherton. Eben-  
 ezer  
 April 9. Sylvanus Clark Oliver  
 April 23. Micah Allin's Child Name. Micah Sam<sup>l</sup>. Payson's Unice  
 May 8. Dr. Hewins Sam<sup>l</sup>:  
 May 13. J<sup>o</sup>. Belchers Mary.  
 May 20. Lem. Fuller<sup>s</sup>. Eben<sup>r</sup>.  
 May 27. Nat: Clark. Hosea  
 June 4. Dan: Richards Jabez.

\* This item has been crossed out.

June 17. W<sup>-</sup>. Billings<sup>s</sup> Joseph  
 July 9. D<sup>n</sup> Birds Hannah  
 July 9. Jos: Black<sup>n</sup>. Adam  
 Aug. 13. John Coney<sup>s</sup>. Elijah.  
 Aug. 27. E. Hewins Marcy & Elij. Hawse Silence  
 Sep: 25. W<sup>-</sup>. Price. Susannah. -  
 Nov: 6. T<sup>s</sup>. Fisher Child Ezra.  
 D<sup>r</sup>. 3. Sil: Clark Mille  
 D<sup>r</sup>. 10 W: Billing Raihell

#### *Deaths*

Jan<sup>r</sup>. 6 M<sup>rs</sup> Payson Buried  
 Jan<sup>r</sup>. 18. Solomon Willis Child buried  
 Feb<sup>r</sup>. 18. The Widow Randal Was buried  
 April 12. M<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup>. Esty buried  
 April 15. Marg. Esty buried  
 April 29. Sam. Holms Child buried  
 May 8. M<sup>r</sup> Stearns buried  
 May 18 J<sup>o</sup>. Clark Child buried  
 June 29. Damaris Capen Buried  
 July 3. D<sup>n</sup>. Bird Twin Child buried  
 Sep<sup>r</sup>. 24. M<sup>rs</sup> Capen buried  
 Oct: 10 Elijah Haws buried  
 No: 6. Widow Hixs: Buried  
 Nov: 12. The Widow Hawse Child Elij- buried  
 Decem<sup>r</sup>. 28 M<sup>rs</sup>. Ruso:

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#### *Marriages*

June 14. J Married Joshua Swift & Mary Hewins  
 July 31. I Married Jira Swift & Waitstill Lyon  
 December 14. I Married Solomon Esty & Hannah Leonard. —

#### *Ad. into Chh.*

April 3. Add: Rachel Clark

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For the [Year 1770]

#### *Baptisms*

Feb. 18. Lois Gould. Lucee  
 Feb: 25 Isaac Johnson. Matthias  
 April 8. Jacob Hawse Louis  
 April 22. Elij: Bakers Bathsheba  
 Nathan Clark Child. Nathan  
 April 29. Cor: Hixson. Zube.  
 May. Neh: Clark. Catee.  
 June 3. John Sumners Children Roger & Sarah.  
 July 8. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Holms Susannah  
 July 22. Elea<sup>z</sup>. Blackman Ruth  
 Aug<sup>t</sup>. 5. Mos: Guild. William  
 & W<sup>-</sup>. Witherton Sarah.  
 Aug<sup>t</sup>. 26 W<sup>-</sup>. Coney<sup>s</sup> child. Ellis

Sep<sup>r</sup>. 9. S: Gilbert Child, Delight  
 & Henry Payson<sup>s</sup> Child Cloe. —  
 Sep<sup>r</sup>. 3. Nat: Morse child Nat:  
 Oc<sup>r</sup>. 14. G. Morse Urbane.  
 Sol: Gay Child Jason.  
 D<sup>r</sup>. 2. M<sup>r</sup>. Whitemore Child. Edmund. & Jos: Randal. John & Polle.  
 D<sup>r</sup>. 23. Benj: Savil Unice

#### *Deaths*

Jan<sup>y</sup> 9. Wid Hawse Child Silence Buried.  
 Feb: 17. M<sup>r</sup>. Gannet Negro Child  
 March 5. M<sup>r</sup> Quincy child Buried  
 April 8 D<sup>n</sup>. Bird Child buried  
 May. 4. Ormsby & M<sup>r</sup>. Belchers Child. —  
 May. Jsaac Johnson Child buried  
 June 18 Jacob Esty wife buried:  
 Aug<sup>t</sup>. 28 Lem: Capen Child buried  
 Sep<sup>r</sup>. 15. Sam. Hixs<sup>n</sup>. wife buried

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#### *Marriages*

Nov: 15. Married Nat: Cummings & Cloe Forrest.  
 Dec<sup>r</sup>. 5. Married Cap<sup>t</sup>. Nat: Curtis & my daughter Elisabeth. —  
 December 20. I married Sam<sup>l</sup>. Randal & Elisabeth Everett.

#### *Add: Church*

Feb: 18. Lois Gould Ad: into Chh: —  
 Sep: 30. Sarah Hewins Ad: into Chh  
 Nov: 18. Ad: into the Chh: Asa Clark & his wife. Hannah Johnson.  
 & Esther Randal.

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#### *Baptisms*

Feb: 24. Jer: Belcher's Edwa<sup>m</sup>  
 And John Johnson: Sarah.  
 March 4. M<sup>rs</sup>. Kollock Sarah  
 April 8. Ezra Smith. John  
 & Eze<sup>k</sup>. Capen — Anna  
 Lem: Fuller Child. Hannah April 28  
 May 12. Sol. Esty Mary  
 May 20. M: Allen Mary  
 June 2. Sam: Payson Joseph  
 June 23. John Holmes two children.  
 July 16. Zeb: Hol: Benj<sup>n</sup>.  
 July 30. Nat<sup>n</sup>. Kings: Zibble  
 Aug<sup>t</sup>. 25. Ned: Savil. Jerusha  
 Oct: 27. P: Wither: Elijah  
 Nov 24. John Bird. Abner.  
 D<sup>r</sup>. 9. S. Esty. Nancy.  
 D<sup>r</sup>. 15. Jo. Belcher. Jonathan  
 D<sup>r</sup>. 29. En: Hewins Sarah



### *Deaths*

Feb: begining Moses Guild Two Children Buried  
March 4. M<sup>rs</sup>. Kollock Twin Child buried  
Oc: 13. Henry Payson was buried  
Dr. 4. Sam<sup>l</sup>: Randal Child buried.

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### *Marriages*

Aprill 10 J married John Bird & Joanna Esty. —  
May 16 I mar: E<sup>r</sup>. White & Deborah. Fuller  
May 26. William Randal & unity Swift Married  
Aug<sup>t</sup>. 18. Ezekiel Keith & Mary Drake —  
Aug: 22. Abiel Drake & Charity Hewit.  
Sep<sup>r</sup>. 28. Elijah Billing. & Huldah Cobb.

### *Add. Chh:*

April 28 Stephen Hawsc M<sup>rs</sup> Drake Sol: Esty & Wife  
June 9. Elisabeth Fisher Add. in Chh  
Nov: 10. Ad: Sam<sup>l</sup>. Randal & wife. & John Bird & wife. —  
Nov: 24. Add. Sarah Hewins

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### *Baptisms*

Jan<sup>y</sup>. 12. J. Johnson Esther  
Jan<sup>y</sup>. 19. J. Randal Child Ammi Ruhamah. —  
Mar: 1. W<sup>-</sup>. Bill: <sup>g</sup>. Jessee  
March 25 Gilbert child<sup>n</sup>. Moses & Aaron  
April 12. Zeb. Holmes Mary  
Ap: 19. S: Gay. Jeremiah  
Ap: 26. J. Coney. Elisabeth.  
May 11. Sil: Clark Rachel  
May 11. W<sup>-</sup>: Payson. Silence  
May 18 Athertons Otis  
June 8. Job Swift Children Job & Samuel. —  
June 17. Jira Swift Child<sup>rn</sup>. Jira & Cypha &  
June 14. Benj<sup>n</sup> Richds Child Luke  
Aug<sup>t</sup>. 2. D<sup>n</sup>. Bird Sarah  
& J<sup>o</sup> Everits. Jasan  
Nov: 16. Sam<sup>l</sup>: Holms Oliver  
Dr. 13. E<sup>r</sup>. Black<sup>n</sup>: Olive

### *Deaths*

Jan<sup>y</sup>. 4: D<sup>n</sup>. Savel wife buried.  
Sam<sup>l</sup>. Holms Child buried 12. Feb<sup>y</sup>.  
March 30. Gilberts Twins Buried  
April 11. M<sup>r</sup> Price Child buried.  
May 16. D<sup>n</sup>. Fuller was buried  
Nov: 19. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Payson Child Buried  
Nov: 25. Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Randal Died  
[June 3. Jacob Fisher's Wife] \*  
[Aug<sup>t</sup>. 26 Lemuel Fuller Child Buried] \*

\* These two items have been blotted out. They belong in the next year.

July Buried Meridith Esty

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### *Marriages*

January 2 I married Aaron Esty & Meridith Leonard

Jan<sup>y</sup>. 14. Tho<sup>s</sup>: Baker & Elisabeth Coney.

Sep<sup>r</sup>. 24. I mared Aaron Lewis & Sarah White

Oct: 6 Mared Esq: Hewins & Widow Fuller

D<sup>r</sup>. 10 Married Benj<sup>n</sup>. Hewins & Anna Rhodes.

[May 20 Married Caleb Johnson & Elisabeth Pribble.] \*

*Add: Chh:*

May 10. Ad: Job Swift & wife. —

May latter End Jira Swift & wife

June 20. Ad: Mehitable Holmes

July 26. Ad: Jemima Toleman & Mary Capen

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### *Baptisms*

Jan<sup>y</sup>. 17. W: Rich: Oliver

Feb. 7. W— Witherton Catee

March 10 L: Fuller. Daniel

March 28. B. Savel Joseph

Ap: 18 J. Bird Bettee. —

May 1. Ez: Capen. Susannah

May. 9. Neh: Clark Luther

July 15. E<sup>r</sup>. Capens Oliver

July 15. Asa. Clark Prudence

July 25. Jo: Swift Mary

Aug<sup>t</sup>. 2. French: Asa Jo: Johnson. Hezkiah Jacob Johnson, Massa

Aug<sup>t</sup>. 8. Lem: Lyon Child Marrineda.

Aug<sup>t</sup>. 15. Sol: Esty. Merideth

Sep<sup>r</sup>. 19. Eben<sup>r</sup>. Hewins Child. Ebenezer

Oct: 20. Nat<sup>n</sup>. Clark: Child Spencer

D<sup>r</sup>. 11 Roy: Kollock. Hannah

D 19. Micah Allen Elijah

Oct: E: Payson Child Rhalf.

### *Deaths*

March Nat: Cummings wife — Buried

April 23 George Allin<sup>s</sup> Wife buried

April 28. Clifford Belcher buried

May 8. Eli: Capens Wife buried

June 3. Jacob Fisher<sup>s</sup>. Wife buried

June 12 John Everets Child buried

June 19. Mrs Everett buried

Aug<sup>t</sup>. 13 Mrs Hewins buried

Aug<sup>t</sup>- 26. Lem: Fullers Child buried

Sep<sup>r</sup>. 8 Benj<sup>n</sup>- Bullards Daugh<sup>r</sup>. Buried

John Holms Daugh<sup>r</sup>. Buried.

\* This item has been crossed out. It belongs in the next year.

*Marriages*

Jan<sup>r</sup>. 14. Married. Ephr: Payson & Lydia Esty  
 Feb<sup>r</sup>. 18. I married Jer: Gore & Hannah Richards  
 May 20. Married Caleb Johnson & Eli: Pribble  
 Oct 7. I married Jacob Fisher & Sarah Hodges  
 Octo 14. I married W<sup>m</sup>. Rhodes, & Sarah Thorp.

*Deaths*

Sep<sup>r</sup>. 18. Benj Savel Child.  
 Sep: 31. Benj Savel wife buried  
 Nov: M<sup>r</sup>. Bullard  
 D<sup>r</sup>. 4. John Holms Child. —

*Add: Chh.*

April 11. Ad: Benj<sup>n</sup>. — Farebanks  
 June 13 Ad: Joseph Witherson & Lydia Lyons  
 Sep<sup>r</sup>. 29. Ad: John Holmes & Elisabeth Billings

*Marriages*

D<sup>r</sup>. 16. Jacob Hewins & Abigail Hawse

*Marriages*

Nov<sup>r</sup>. 15. Daniell Gould & Hannah Hixson. Oliver Everet & Susannah Capen  
 Nov: 18. John Richardson & Dorithy Vining.  
 D<sup>r</sup>. 9. John Drake & Hannah Tisdal & J<sup>n</sup>. Ev<sup>t</sup> & Jsabel Hodges

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*Baptisms*

Jan<sup>r</sup>. 2. En<sup>r</sup>. Hewins Seth  
 Feb: 28 J<sup>n</sup>. Randal Child Elisabeth  
 Mar: 20. Jer: Belcher Child Theodore  
 Jo: Coneys Oliver  
 Ap: 10 W<sup>m</sup>. Hewins Elkanah. G: Morse Luther & Job. Swift Rebecca.  
 May 9: Lem: Capen. Lem<sup>l</sup>:  
 May. 29. Jirah Swift Wiot \*  
 June 18. W<sup>m</sup>. Clark Child Jemima  
 July 31. Zeb: Holmes Child Jacob.  
 Aug<sup>t</sup>. 7. D<sup>n</sup>. Rich<sup>s</sup>. Jacob  
 Aug<sup>t</sup>. 14. L: Fuller: Ruth  
 Sep<sup>r</sup>. 18. D<sup>n</sup>. Bird Child Atherton  
 Jacob Hewins. Elijah  
 Jo: Morse, Lewis & Sarah.  
 Nov<sup>r</sup>. 28 W<sup>m</sup>. Richard Ju<sup>r</sup>. Luther  
 D<sup>r</sup>. 5. W<sup>m</sup>. Billings J<sup>r</sup>. Elkanah & Tho<sup>s</sup>. Clark. Abigail.  
 D<sup>r</sup>. 18: Oliver Everet Hannah  
 D<sup>r</sup>. 25: Tho<sup>s</sup>. Baker's Child Sarah.

*Deaths*

Jan<sup>y</sup> 12. Cap<sup>t</sup>. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Billings wife buried

\* Town Records give Wyeth.

Jan<sup>y</sup>. 19. Neh: Clark Child buried  
 Feb: 11. Benj<sup>n</sup>. Hawse wife buried  
 Feb: 19. M<sup>r</sup>. Joseph Everet buried  
 March 7. Nat: Kingsbury Child buried.  
 March 18 Levi Wood  
 March 26. Jo: Black: Child buried.  
 March E<sup>r</sup>. Billings Child buried  
 March 13. El: Capens Ser<sup>t</sup>. Girl.  
 April 28. Ste: Hawse buried  
 May 8. I<sup>n</sup>. Hawse buried  
 D<sup>r</sup>. 10. Buried Elijah Capen I<sup>r</sup>.

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#### *Marriages*

Jan<sup>y</sup>. 13 Married. Ephr<sup>m</sup>: Pribble & Sileney \* Lyon  
 Feb: 17 Married W<sup>m</sup>. Lewis & Abigal Swift  
 April 4. Married Elkanah Hixson & Abig<sup>l</sup>. Rogers  
 April 7. Married Joseph Smith 2<sup>d</sup>. & Rebecah Puffer  
 May 25 Married Elijah J<sup>r</sup> Capen & Priscilla Tisdall  
 July 7. Married David Forrest & Abigail Morse  
 July 13. David Newland & Huldah Morse.  
 Nov. 3. Married Joseph Turner & Ester Noise: And W<sup>m</sup>. Savage  
 & Cloe Cobb.  
 D<sup>r</sup>. 15 I married George Fergusson & My daughter Mary & 22. Lem-  
 uel Pain [& Rachel Carpenter.] †

#### *Add: into Chh:*

Hannah Clark June 5.  
 Add: into Chh: Abigail Lewis Sep<sup>r</sup> 18.  
 Add. into Chh: Elisabeth Baker  
 Add: into Chh: D<sup>r</sup>. 11. Oliver Everet & wife.

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#### *Baptisms*

Jan<sup>y</sup>. 8. Silv. Clark Child Experience  
 March 5 Sam<sup>l</sup>. Hixson Unice & Eb<sup>r</sup>. Blackman Child Susee.  
 March 11. D: Fisher Child Mary  
 May. Sam<sup>l</sup> Holmes Amos  
 July Ez: Capen. Abigail  
 Aug<sup>l</sup>. 13. Asa Clark Child Amasa.  
 Sep: 10. E<sup>r</sup>. Capen  
 Sep. 25. Ja: Hewins Clifford.  
 John Esty. Jeremiah.  
 December 10— Lem<sup>l</sup>: Lyon. Aranna. & D<sup>m</sup>. Richards. Nancy.  
 D<sup>r</sup>. 17. Joses Hill  
 D<sup>r</sup>. 31. Cap<sup>t</sup>. Nathaniel Curtis\* Child Baptised Named Henry Bass  
 & Sam<sup>l</sup>: Bird\* Child Named Rebecah. —

\* Town Records give Celenia.

† The lower part of this name is worn off, supplied from Town Records.

### *Deaths*

Jacob Hewins Child  
Mrs. Bacon Feb. 26.  
March 11 D Fisher Child died.  
April 6. Atherton Child buried  
May 6. D<sup>n</sup>. Savel  
June 7. I<sup>o</sup>. Rhodes wife buried.  
July 13. Nehemiah Clark buried & 14 The wife of Benj<sup>n</sup>. Hewins  
July 23. Jer: Belcher wife buried. — 28 Benj. Richard Child buried.  
July 31. Jer: Belchers Ju<sup>r</sup>. Child Buried.  
Aug<sup>t</sup>. 9 Jer: Belcher was buried.  
Aug<sup>t</sup>. 10 J<sup>o</sup>.: Coney Daugh: buried  
Aug<sup>t</sup>. 12. Jon: Belcher Child buried  
Aug<sup>t</sup>. 1. 15. Clifford Belcher, & Son.  
Ag: 23, his 2<sup>d</sup>. Son  
Aug: 26, his daugh<sup>r</sup>. & 28. his wife.  
Sep: 3. Sarah Wood

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### *Marriages*

D<sup>r</sup>. 5. Ben: Hawse & Mary Sumner.  
Janu<sup>r</sup>. 12. Eben<sup>r</sup>. Esty & Lucy Fuller  
April 6 E<sup>d</sup>. Tisdal & Ruth Harlow  
Ap<sup>l</sup>. 27. Nat<sup>l</sup>. Cumings & Elisabeth white.  
July 31. Jeremiah Richards & Patience Hawse.  
Aug. 22. Levi Tuttle & Huldah Allin  
& Sam<sup>l</sup>. Capen & Cloe Pitcher.  
Tho<sup>s</sup>. Clark & Sarah Lewis.  
Oct: 24. Asa Lewis & mary White & 31. Joshua Cory & Cloe Cole-  
well  
Nov. 21. Jo: Belcher & Mary Baker \*

### *Deaths*

Sep: 28. Howard Child  
29. D<sup>n</sup>. Birds Child  
John Holms wife  
Soloman Gould  
Elijah Billings Child.  
W<sup>m</sup>. Witherton two Children. —  
D<sup>r</sup>. 30. Nathan Clark Son buried. —  
Sep: 4. D<sup>ll</sup>. Richard Child  
Sep: 5. Jacob Leonard Child. And. Jacob Cooks wife  
Sep: 6. M<sup>rs</sup> Copeland  
Sep: 10. I<sup>o</sup>. Drakes. Child.  
Sep: 18. Nat: Corey<sup>s</sup>. Child  
19 D<sup>ll</sup>. Richards. Child  
20 D<sup>ll</sup>. Richards Child  
& D<sup>n</sup>. Bird Daughter  
21. Jo: Morse & N: Clark Child  
22. D<sup>ll</sup>. Richard Son Elijah.

\* This marriage is recorded in the margin of the page.

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| Baptisms                                                                     | Deaths                                                                                             | Marriages                                                         | Ad. into Chh.                                                                                                                                  | No.                                                                                                     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| January 13<br>Elijah Baker<br>Child. Mary                                    | Feb. 19<br>Philip<br>8 yrs Child<br>Son George                                                     | March<br>13. I mar-<br>ried, John<br>Johnson &<br>Sarah<br>Wife C | May 18. Since<br>on Supper &<br>wife made con-<br>fession of the<br>Lord &<br>I owned the Co-<br>venant & Her<br>was admitted<br>into the Chh. | To<br>m<br>Ch.<br>&<br>m<br>Bp<br>Jo<br>J<br>No<br>M<br>m<br>The<br>of<br>the<br>m<br>Ho<br>A<br>G<br>e |
| January 20.<br>Raymond Gilbert<br>Auto Conchies                              | Feb. 20.<br>Geo. Billing<br>Child, wife<br>married                                                 | April 30<br>I married<br>George Jon-<br>son & Est-<br>her Nichols | June 8th.<br>Margaret Day,<br>son & Hannah<br>Susan were<br>admitted into<br>the Chh. -                                                        | A<br>D<br>J<br>G<br>e                                                                                   |
| April 19.<br>John Conney<br>Child James H                                    | Feb. 25<br>Eden<br>Flaming<br>very heartily                                                        | April 30<br>I married<br>George Jon-<br>son & Est-<br>her Nichols |                                                                                                                                                | A<br>D<br>J<br>G<br>e                                                                                   |
| May 18<br>Stephen Knapp<br>& Simon Tupper<br>Children                        | March<br>19. John<br>Whites son I rem. 69<br>Levi was married. Son, Henry<br>& Elizabeth<br>to add | April 30<br>I married<br>George Jon-<br>son & Est-<br>her Nichols |                                                                                                                                                | A<br>D<br>J<br>G<br>e                                                                                   |
| June 7<br>Simon Tupper<br>& John Tupper<br>Children                          | April 19<br>Ed. Wilson<br>Child was<br>buried                                                      | April 30<br>I married<br>George Jon-<br>son & Est-<br>her Nichols |                                                                                                                                                | A<br>D<br>J<br>G<br>e                                                                                   |
| June 10<br>Blair & John<br>H. Williams                                       | April<br>19. John<br>White<br>Child was<br>buried                                                  | April 30<br>I married<br>George Jon-<br>son & Est-<br>her Nichols |                                                                                                                                                | A<br>D<br>J<br>G<br>e                                                                                   |
| June 11. Jacob<br>Gleason Child<br>died                                      | April<br>19. John<br>White<br>Child was<br>buried                                                  | April 30<br>I married<br>George Jon-<br>son & Est-<br>her Nichols |                                                                                                                                                | A<br>D<br>J<br>G<br>e                                                                                   |
| June 19. John<br>Brook & Susan<br>Child. Isaac                               | April<br>19. John<br>White<br>Child was<br>buried                                                  | April 30<br>I married<br>George Jon-<br>son & Est-<br>her Nichols |                                                                                                                                                | A<br>D<br>J<br>G<br>e                                                                                   |
| July 3. Stephen<br>Holt & child<br>Heidi A                                   | April<br>19. John<br>White<br>Child was<br>buried                                                  | April 30<br>I married<br>George Jon-<br>son & Est-<br>her Nichols |                                                                                                                                                | A<br>D<br>J<br>G<br>e                                                                                   |
| July 20. Tent.<br>Yot & Child<br>Isaac                                       | April<br>19. John<br>White<br>Child was<br>buried                                                  | April 30<br>I married<br>George Jon-<br>son & Est-<br>her Nichols |                                                                                                                                                | A<br>D<br>J<br>G<br>e                                                                                   |
| August 10<br>Mrs. Son Phi-<br>lip was baptiz-                                | June 6<br>Mrs. Gil-<br>bert was<br>buried                                                          | June 8<br>John White<br>son was<br>buried                         |                                                                                                                                                | A<br>D<br>J<br>G<br>e                                                                                   |
| August 24<br>Lew. Pilling<br>Child. Jacob<br>now at Sanitary<br>at Sausalito | June 8<br>John White<br>son was<br>buried                                                          | June 8<br>John White<br>son was<br>buried                         |                                                                                                                                                | A<br>D<br>J<br>G<br>e                                                                                   |



*Add: Chh. —*

Add: Nov 26 Elijah Bird & Sister Elisabeth.

Add: Dr. 3. Sam<sup>l</sup>: Bird Ju<sup>r</sup>. & his wife

Add: Dr. 17. Joses Hill.

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*Baptisms*

Jan<sup>y</sup>. 20. Sol: Gays David

Ditto. Jo. Randal Frances.

Jan<sup>y</sup> 27. John Holmes Ju<sup>r</sup>. Jeremiah. W<sup>d</sup>. Clarks Child Cloe.

Feb: 5. Lem: Capen's Child. Elijah. Mr. Jer: Gore Child Hannah.  
Jsrael Smith Nabby.

March 3. Micah Allen name Nancy

March 20. Atherton Child Abner & Enoch Hewins Philip.

Aprill 14. Ruben Tupper child<sup>a</sup>. Azuba & Edward.

April 21. Gannet. Warren

Ap: 28. Gilead Morse. Irine

May. 3 Jira Swift. Azuba

May. 10. Benj: Richard Bernice

June 16. J. Hewins Child Ann.

July 4. Lem Fuller. Abigail

July 21. Zeb: Holmes Sarah & D: Fisher's Mary.

Aug<sup>t</sup>. Han: Tupper

Aug<sup>t</sup>. 21. O: Everet Oliver

Sep: 1. Fairbanks. Sarah

*Births*

Sep<sup>r</sup>. 15. John Coney Child Edw: & Will<sup>m</sup>. Lewis Child William

Sep<sup>r</sup> 29. Jos: Hewins Child Joseph.

John Johnson: Edmund

*Deaths*

Feb: 11. Cap: Bacon.

Feb: 22. Lieu<sup>t</sup>. Hixson.

May 12. Widow Smith

July 23. R: Tupper

Sep<sup>r</sup>. 8. Josiah Blackman

Sep<sup>r</sup>. John Rhode's Wife.

Oct: 3. Jos: Rhodes Ju<sup>r</sup>. Child.

Oct: 6. M<sup>r</sup>. Bradshaw Son.

Oct. Asa Clark Son

Oct. Wid: Johnson

P: Witherton Child

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*Marriages*

Feb. 12. Jonathan Hawse & Lucy Tour \*

Nov: 14 D<sup>ll</sup>: Coney & Susanah Curtis

Dr. 12. Joshua Howard & Priscilla Capen.

Jan<sup>y</sup>. Amos Boyden & Mary Pain

\* Town Records: Tower.



*Add: Chh:*

January 7<sup>th</sup>. John Holms Ju<sup>r</sup>. & his wife.  
Fib<sup>r</sup>. 20. Lem: Fuller Ad: into the Chh:  
March 3: Han<sup>b</sup>. Tupper Admitted into Chh:  
May, 19. Add: Sarah Clark.  
June 2. Joseph Hewins & his wife Add:—  
Aug<sup>t</sup>. 11. John Cumings & his wife Add.—  
Dr. Abigail Puffer Ad: into the Chh:

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*Baptisms*

Feb: 25. Sam<sup>l</sup>: Hixsons Child, Samuel. —  
Solomon Estys Child Lovana.  
May 18. W<sup>-</sup>. Witherton William & D<sup>ll</sup>. Richards Son Edward.  
June 1. Jos: Swift. Joshua & Ep: Payson's Margaret  
June 22. Sol: Gay. Luther  
Aug<sup>t</sup>. 3. Jo: Morse Child & Nat: Comings, Cloe  
Sep<sup>r</sup>. 29. Jacob Hewins Child. Abigail.  
Oct. 20. Mary Smiths Child Rebecca.  
Nov: 16. Nat Clark Spencer

*Deaths*

Mr. Fisher Son  
Mrs Puffer  
April. John Holmes Child  
April. Jacob Esty.  
May. W<sup>-</sup>. Billings & 16<sup>th</sup>. Jacob. Johnson  
Aug<sup>t</sup>. Lem: Capen's Child buried.  
Oct: 31: Nat: Coney Child.  
Dr. Eze: Capen Child

Children Baptised To the End of this Year Six hundred & Fifty  
[Nine \*] Three. 653.

Deaths in the Same time [116 and 117 equals 233.] \* 233 Till now.

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*Marriages*

April 13. Married Iacob French & Bathsheba Esty.  
May 8. Married Richard Billings & Mary Smith  
May 29. Joses Hill Mary Clark.  
June 3 Jacob Cook & Esther Indicot  
June 30. Jacob Billing & Hannah Hewins  
Sep: 4. Nath<sup>ll</sup>. Guild & Ann Rhods. —  
Oct: 6. Sam<sup>ll</sup>: Frost & Sarah Rhodes  
Nov. 9. I married My daughter Hannah to James Porter  
Dr. 12. Mared Elij. Bird & Sarah Prat.  
Dr 18. Mar<sup>d</sup>. Dan<sup>ll</sup> Rhods & Lydia Rhods.

*Add: into Chh:*

July 6. Add: Elisabeth Comings.

\* The figures in the brackets have been crossed out. These two entries are written lengthways of the page.

Sep<sup>r</sup>. 29. Add. Mary Smith. —  
Nov: 16. Add: Lucy Gilbert. —

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For the Year [1778]

*Baptisms*

Feb: D<sup>n</sup> Billings Child Ruthe.  
March 15. Th: Fisher Child Oliver  
April. 5 Jo: Randal Child Samuel. .  
Lem: Capen's. Elijah  
May 10. Gilead Morse Child & Levi Fuller Child Lemuel.  
May 24 E<sup>b</sup>. Hewins Savel & W<sup>-</sup>: Lewis Child Hittee.  
June 14. Uriah Atherton. Child Lemuel.  
June 7. W<sup>-</sup> Clark; Child. Mary.  
July 5. D<sup>r</sup>. Hewins Child. Sarah.  
Benj. Richards Child Prudee  
July 12. E<sup>r</sup>. Richards Child<sup>n</sup>. Moses, Aaron Levi, & Anna.  
July. My Daughter Hannah Child Peter  
July 26. M<sup>r</sup>. Whittemore Child Jesse.  
Sep<sup>r</sup>. 6 Ezra Morse Child Lewis & my Daughter Coney Child Nancy  
Bass.

*Deaths*

Feb: Silvanus Clarks Child.  
April 19. Eben<sup>r</sup>: Estey.  
April 29. Bezaleel Billings  
May 11. David Whites Child.  
July 7. Benj: Richards Child buried Prudee  
July 12. M<sup>rs</sup>. Write buried. —  
July 27. Abial Drake Child. & July 29. Patience Esty.  
Aug<sup>st</sup> 13. M<sup>r</sup>. Write.  
Aug<sup>t</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Whittemore Child  
Sep<sup>r</sup>. 7 Lieut., Hixson & Child. buried - -  
Sep<sup>r</sup>. 11. M<sup>r</sup>: Whittemore  
[crossed out] & M<sup>r</sup>. Lewis's Child.  
Sep<sup>r</sup>. 12. Jon<sup>n</sup>: Gannett  
and Warren Gannett  
Sep<sup>r</sup>. latter End. W<sup>-</sup>. Lewis Child. Phi: Witherton's & Ned: Tisdale  
Child. —  
Oct: 5. Jo: Billings wife. —  
Oct: 17. Beriah Billing Child. 18. M<sup>r</sup>. Randals Bess. 19. M<sup>r</sup>. Sav-  
age Son. 20. Joseph Coneys Daughter. —

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*Marriages*

Feb: David Witherby & W<sup>d</sup>. Kingman's Daughter Eunice  
Feb: 27. David Rhodes & Elisabeth Rhodes.  
April 5. Married Eben<sup>r</sup>. Lovel & Zip<sup>b</sup> \* Drake.  
June 25. Amos Richardson & Mehitable Rhodes  
July 8 Ezekiel Fisher & Experience Blackman.

\* Town Records: Zilpha.

Octo: 20. Benj<sup>n</sup>. Puffer & Nancy Whitney. —  
Nov<sup>r</sup>. 30. W<sup>-</sup>. Holms & [ \* ] Smith. Sabel

### *Deaths*

Oct<sup>r</sup>. 21. Benj<sup>n</sup>. Bullard.  
Oct 26 M<sup>r</sup>. Farebanks Child  
M<sup>rs</sup> Bullard Child  
Hannah Esty.  
D<sup>r</sup>. 28. D<sup>r</sup>. [ † ] Child.

### *Ad: into Church*

June 14. Admitted Eben<sup>r</sup>. Richards & his Wife. & Mary Everet wife  
of Edward Everet  
June 21. Admitted My Daughter Hannah  
Aug<sup>t</sup>. 30. Admitted my Daughter Susannah  
Oct: 11. Jacob Hewings Admitted into y<sup>e</sup>. Chh.

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### *Births*

Births. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Hixson Child  
Zeb: Holmes Elisabeth  
T: Bakers Francis—  
Jos<sup>h</sup>. Hewins. James.

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For the Year. — [1779]

### *Baptisms.*

Feb: 21. Iohn Toleman<sup>s</sup> Child Sarah. —  
E<sup>r</sup>. Richards Nabbee Elijah Bird. Anna. —  
April 4. W<sup>-</sup> Richards Ju<sup>r</sup>. Child Solomon.  
W<sup>-</sup>. Tolman<sup>rs</sup>. Spencer.  
April 20. Sol: Gays Child Timothy  
April 13. Sol: Gilbert. Child  
May 2. W<sup>d</sup>. Swift Child Eben..  
May 16. Joshua Swift. Damaris  
May 23. Jsrael Smith: Jacob  
June 27. Asa Clark Unice  
July 4 Philip Witherton Child Esther  
Oct: 17. Cap<sup>t</sup>. Sam<sup>l</sup>: Payson Child Noise  
Oct<sup>r</sup>. 31. Beriah Billings Child<sup>n</sup>. Beriah, Parker. Brinten. Bradish,  
Otis Charlotte.  
W<sup>m</sup>. Lewis. William  
Nov: 14. J<sup>o</sup>. Esty. Lucy

### *Deaths*

Jan<sup>y</sup>. 19. Jo<sup>s</sup>. White buried  
Jan<sup>y</sup>. 30. Sam<sup>l</sup>: Bird  
Feb<sup>y</sup>. 16. Nat: Coney  
Feb: 20. Jir: Belcher Daugh<sup>r</sup>  
Aug<sup>st</sup>. 13 Benj<sup>n</sup>. White  
D<sup>r</sup>. 11 Ephraim Payson - Child. 18

\* Isabel, crossed out. Town Records: Sibel.

† Worn; probably Hewins.

D<sup>a</sup>. Birds Wife & 25. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Esty's \*  
About 6 weeks after his wife \*

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### *Marriages*

Jan: 14. Married Jeremiah Rhods & Mehitable Coney.  
Feb<sup>y</sup>. 5. Married Philip Barns & Phebe Basset.  
Feb: 24. Married Elijah Baker & Olive Rogers.  
April 5. Married Job Swift & Elisabeth Guile, & Russel Oliver &  
Abigail, Puffer  
June 24. Married Matthias Puffer & Priscilla Hubbard  
Oct: 21. Married Jason Richardson & Lovis Smith. also Nathan<sup>l</sup>  
Clark & Elisabeth Allen.  
Oct<sup>r</sup>. 28. Married Wolley Leonard & Anna Richards  
Oct<sup>r</sup>. 31. Married Oliver Drake & Ruth † Drake.  
Boston ‡  
Married Nov: 2<sup>d</sup> Iosiah Talbot, & Susannah Morse  
Decem<sup>r</sup>: 23. Married Lewis De Maresquette § & Polly Wimble =

### *Ad. Chh*

Aug<sup>st</sup>. 1<sup>st</sup>. Admitted Nathan Savage & his Wife.

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For the Year [1780]

### *Baptisms*

I<sup>o</sup>. Randal: Esther  
Job: Swift. Amos.  
June Sil: Clark Jacob.  
July 2. E<sup>r</sup>. Blackman Child. Adam.  
July 23 Jer: Belcher's Child. Walter Spooner  
Benj: Richard<sup>s</sup> Child Tho<sup>s</sup>. Pownal  
Uriah Atherton, Jesse  
Aug<sup>t</sup>. 26. Enoch Hewins Hittee & Gilead Morse Child Abner.  
Sep<sup>t</sup>. 15 Nat: Cumings Child Nabbee  
Sep<sup>r</sup>. 17. J<sup>o</sup>. Hewins Child Lucee  
Nov: 6. J<sup>o</sup>. Toleman<sup>s</sup> Child Joseph. I<sup>o</sup>. Coneys Child Jeremiah

\* Town Records of deaths: Mr. Samuel Estey, Dec. 23, 1779. Widow Rebecca Estey, Feb. 18, 1780.

† Written above Mary, which is crossed out.

‡ This word is partly erased; it does not appear to refer to any entry, but as if he began to write something else and stopped.

§ Col. Louis de Maresquells (Marie Louis Armand Anstart de Maresquells) signed, Dec. 6, 1776, a lengthy and important contract with the Colonial Government, for the manufacture of a superior kind of cannon. The peculiarity of their construction was that they were cast solid and then bored out by a process learned from his father, the Marquis of Montelurbert. The Marquis had since 1750 been manufacturing such cannon for the supply of the French Government. The cannon for the colony were to be cast at the Stoughtonham Iron Foundry, proved by de Maresquells in the presence of the Commissioners of the State, and to be furnished by him throughout the war. In return, he was to receive a large sum of money annually during the war and an annuity for life, and was to have the honorary rank of Colonel.

### *Deaths*

April Mrs. Wormwell  
April 10. Widow Holland  
[ \* ] 11<sup>s</sup> Mrs. Hill. July 28  
Joseph Wood Child Buried.  
Oct: 2 Mehetable Leonard & her Twins.

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### *Marriages*

July 5<sup>th</sup>. Married Ezra Gould & Lois Smith.  
Aug<sup>t</sup>. Married Sam<sup>l</sup>. Toleman & [Elisebeth †] Hannah Rogers  
Sep<sup>r</sup>. 9. Married Sam<sup>l</sup>: Holes † & the Widow Tilden  
Sep<sup>r</sup>. 14. Married Joshua Johnson & Hannah Johnson  
October: 2 Moses White & [ § ] Allin Susannah  
[July 5<sup>th</sup>. Married Sam<sup>l</sup>. Thompson. & Elijah Johnson to Sarah  
Hewins & Unity Esty. —] ||

### *Add: Chh:*

July 2 Mrs. -Morse wife of Ezra Morse  
Nov<sup>r</sup>. Jo: Wood. & his wife. —

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### For the Year [1781]

### *Births \*\**

Jany 28 Oliver Everet Child Moses & Joseph Wood Child David  
Jan<sup>y</sup>. Zeb: Holmes Child Edward.  
March 25. Joshua Swift Joshua  
April 15. Sol: Gay Child. Hannah — Ens: Everet Twins Elis: &  
Mary.  
May 20. D<sup>n</sup>. Jacob Hewins Child Nathan.  
May Jacob Hawse Child Ebenezer.  
July 22 Beriah Billings Child. Anna.  
John Holms Jr. Child Dana  
Aug<sup>t</sup>. 19. Nathan Savage Child James  
Sep<sup>r</sup>. 9. W<sup>-</sup>. Toleman Child, James.  
Sep<sup>r</sup>. 22. D<sup>nl</sup>. Richard Child Elijah.  
Oct. 14. Eben<sup>r</sup>. Richards Child Eben<sup>r</sup>.  
Oct. 20. W: Lewis Hittee ††  
Oct: 28 Job: Swift Child. Philip —  
Oct. 28: Mary Payson Child Elisabeth

### *Deaths*

April 1 Sarah Johnson.  
April 9 Mrs. Gannet

\* Mrs. Wormells, the first part of the name having been crossed out.

† Crossed out.

‡ Town Records: Holmes.

§ Crossed out — undecipherable.

|| This paragraph has been crossed out; it belongs in the record of 1781.

\*\* Reference to the dates of the births of these children in the Town Records show that this heading should be Baptisms.

†† Very indistinct. Town Records: Hettee.

June 9 D<sup>a</sup>. Esty  
 June 27 D<sup>a</sup>. Jacob Hewins Wife.  
 Oct. Jordan Child  
 Oct. 17. Parkman Bradshaw  
 D<sup>r</sup>. 23. D<sup>a</sup>. Hewins Child buried.  
 D<sup>r</sup>. 24. Jos<sup>b</sup>. Hewins Child buried. —

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### *Marriages*

Feb<sup>y</sup>. 12. Married Asa Harlow & Elisabeth Rhodes  
 June 6. Married Stephen Hawse & Mary Gannett  
 July 5. Married Sam<sup>l</sup>: Thompson & Sarah Hewins. And Elijah  
 Johnson & Unity Esty. —  
 Aug. 20 Married Benj<sup>a</sup>. Gannet & Anna Everson  
 Oct. 17. D<sup>a</sup>. Jacob Hewins & Ruth Armstrong.  
 Oct: 25. George Holms & Rachel Allen  
 Nov: 1. Ed: French & Judith Bullard.  
 Nov: 8. Job Esty & Ruth Coney. —  
 Nov. 29. David Fisher Ju<sup>r</sup>. & Mehitable Hewins.  
 D<sup>r</sup>. 6. W<sup>-</sup>. Clap & Mary Rhod  
 D<sup>r</sup>. 10. Jonathan Billings & Mary Fisher.  
 Married De<sup>c</sup>. 27. Lem<sup>l</sup>. Wintworth & Susannah Whittimore

### *Add: into Chh*

December 30. Ad: Jacob Hewins Wife Deacon. —

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For the Year [1782]

### *Births \**

April 1. Philip Witherton Newil  
 June 9. Benj<sup>a</sup>. Richards Child Joel. & Ep<sup>m</sup>. Paysons Child Benj<sup>a</sup>.  
 Esty. —  
 June 30. Gilead Morse Child Luther. —  
 July 20. Jo. Hewins Son James.  
 July 25 Lem: Fullers Child, Louis.  
 Sep<sup>r</sup>. 8. J<sup>o</sup>. Randal Jos<sup>b</sup>.  
 Sep<sup>r</sup>. 26. Sol: Gilbirt child Solomon.  
 Oct: 6. Nat Cumings Child. Betsy

### *Deaths*

Jan<sup>y</sup>. Edward Everets Child  
 Jan<sup>y</sup>. 31. M<sup>rs</sup>. Whittimore  
 Feb<sup>y</sup>. 28. Cap<sup>t</sup>. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Billings  
 June 7. Wid: Hawse  
 July 17. E<sup>r</sup>. Bird. Child buried.  
 Sep<sup>t</sup>. 6, John Esty Daughter Drowned  
 Nov 18. Cap<sup>t</sup>. Billings Infat Child buried  
 D<sup>r</sup>. Begining: M<sup>r</sup>. Em<sup>d</sup>. Quincy

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### *Marriages*

June 24. Oliver Bird & Lois Gay.

\* i. e. Baptisms.

Sep<sup>r</sup>. 19 Joshua. Whittemore, & Widow Sarah Mackintosh  
 Oct. 6 Joseph Man & Mehitable Billings  
 D<sup>r</sup>. 12. Married Snell Babbet & Betsy Blanchard.  
 D<sup>r</sup>. 17. Married Zebulon Holmes & Rachel Tompson  
 D<sup>r</sup>. 26. Married Elias Edee & Mary Savel  
 [Aug<sup>t</sup>. 28. Married Zebine Lyon & Rachal Hooper] \*

*Add: into Chh:*

March 25. Add: Eben<sup>r</sup>: Hill. —  
 Nov: 22. Mary Fisher. Admitted

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For the Year [1783]

*Births* †

Jan<sup>y</sup>. 8. Oliver Everet Child Aaron.  
 Silvanus Clark April 10. Susannah  
 April 27. Lem: Capen child Nathaniel & Sol: Gay Child, Betsie  
 Aug<sup>t</sup>. 24. Enoch Hewins Child Zibble  
 Oct: 5. Cap<sup>t</sup>. Gannet Child Warren.  
 Decemb<sup>r</sup>. 7. M<sup>r</sup>. Rapkey's ‡ Child, Sallee. —

*Deaths*

Feb: 10. M<sup>r</sup>. Th<sup>s</sup>. Randal buried  
 April 19. Priscilla Smith buried  
 Aug<sup>t</sup>. 14. M<sup>r</sup>. Bradshaw  
 Oct: 11. Sol: Gilbert Child buried.  
 Joseph Morse Child buried

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*Marriages*

Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1. Married Joseph Ellis & Phyle Boyden  
 Jan<sup>y</sup>. 8. Married John Hewins & Ruth Hewins.  
 Jan'y 30. Married Benj Bullard & Hannah Holmes  
 May 6. Married W<sup>-</sup>. Drake & Susannah Harlow  
 Aug<sup>t</sup>. 28. Mar<sup>d</sup>. Zebine Lyon & Rachel Hooper.  
 Oct: 5. Married Ephraim Smith & Ame. Withington  
 Nov<sup>r</sup>. 13. Married Thaddeus Clap & Mary Billings  
 Nov: 20. Married Liffe Smith & Hepzibah Clap.  
 December 11 Married J<sup>o</sup>. Cumings & Mehitabel Esty

*Add: into Chh:*

June 8 Admitted Sarah Whittemore

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For the Year. [1784]

*Baptisms*

March 27. Lem: Fuller Child Adam

\* This entry has been crossed out. It belongs in 1783.

† i. e. Baptisms.

‡ Town Records: Reupeke. John Christian Reupke was a native of Hesse, in Germany. He was a soldier in the British army with Gen. Burgoyne at the surrender at Saratoga in 1777. Not being allowed to return to his own country, he settled in Sharon, marrying at Foxboro a Miss Clark of this town.

Aprill 11. John Holmes Child Esther  
 May 2. Samuel Birds Anna  
 May 9<sup>th</sup>. Major Morse \*. Susannah  
 May 20 Zebulon Holmes Child David  
 June † 13 Eben<sup>r</sup>. Richards Child David. —  
 July 11 Solomon Gilbert Child, Daniel.  
 July 25. Asa Clark Child Nancy. —  
 Tho<sup>s</sup>: Glover's Child, Unice  
 Aug<sup>st</sup>. 22. Joshua Swift. Patience  
 Sep<sup>r</sup>. 5. D<sup>r</sup>. Sam<sup>l</sup>: Hewins Thomas. & Wintworths Lydia  
 Sep<sup>r</sup>. 7. M<sup>r</sup>. Cumings G-daughter. Susannah  
 Oct<sup>r</sup>. 10. Job Swift Child John.  
 Baptisms. Ezekiel Capens Child. Nancy & Eph: Payson's. Amasa.  
 Baptisms Oct. 24. Jer: Richards Children Kattee. Jeremiah  
 Betsy. & Sallee  
 Nov: 7. Benj. Richard<sup>s</sup>. Child Nancy.  
*Deaths*  
 April 17. J<sup>o</sup>. Hewins Buried.  
 May 25. M<sup>rs</sup>. Noise was buried  
 June 17. My Grand-Daughter Nancy Curtis was buried.  
 June 1 Sam<sup>l</sup>: Bird <sup>Jur</sup>: Child buried & 14<sup>th</sup> Another of his Children  
 was buried. —  
 Sep<sup>r</sup>. 6 The Widow Hobbs buried  
 D<sup>r</sup>. 6 D<sup>n</sup>. Richard Wife buried. —

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### *Marriages*

James Paine & Anna Richards Married. Jan'y 15  
 July 1<sup>th</sup> Benj. Randal & Patty Wares † &  
 Benja<sup>a</sup>. Johnson & Charlottee Morse Married July 1<sup>th</sup>.  
 Tho<sup>s</sup>. Tolman & Esther Tolman. November 4<sup>th</sup>. —  
 Nov<sup>r</sup>. 24. William Tribou, & Amy Belcher. & 25<sup>th</sup> Elias Drake &  
 Polly Harlow.  
 December 23. Ralph Tomson, & Mary Billings  
*Add: into Chh:*  
 July 11 Admitted Jeremiah Richards & his Wife. And Tho<sup>s</sup>. Glover  
 & his wife.  
 The Same day Joseph Coney & his Wife had their Cov<sup>t</sup>. Relation  
 transferred from the Chh: of Walpole to this Chh.  
 December 5<sup>th</sup>. Ad: The widow Keziah Gould & Zibble Holmes  
 December 26. Add: Elijah Baker & wife

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For the Year [1785]

### *Baptisms*

March 6<sup>th</sup>. Oliver Everet Child Susannah.  
 April 24. Elij. Bakers Child<sup>n</sup>. Nabbe, Olive & Elijah. —

\* Col. Ezra Morse b. Dedham 1741; d. Sharon 1807.

† May, crossed out.

‡ Town Record: Molley Ware. The date of this marriage is an addition, but in Mr. Curtis's hand.



Joseph Randal's Child Thomas.  
 May 1. John Esty's Child, Elijah. —  
 May 15. Enoch Hewins Child Susannah.  
 May 28. Wil<sup>-</sup>: Toleman Child. Otis. —  
 June 5. Sol: Gay's Child, Seth —  
 June 27 Joses Hill Child. Etheridge &  
 John Repuchee \* Child Bettee  
 July 3. Nat: Cumings Child Pollee  
 W<sup>-</sup>. Holmes Children Sibble & Nabbee — Ellis  
 & Job Esty Children Ruthee & Ebenezer.  
 Sep<sup>r</sup>. 11. Jer: Richards Child Polly.  
 Oct 2. Th<sup>s</sup>. Clark Children Amity Rhoda Nathan John & Lewis  
 John Holmes Child Anna.  
 [&] Tho<sup>s</sup> Glover Lois  
 Baptisms. Oct<sup>r</sup>. 30 Lem: Capens Hittee.  
 December 4. Capt. W<sup>-</sup>. Billings Child Lewis.

#### *Deaths*

March 15. Tribou's Child buried  
 March 22. M<sup>r</sup> Deveruk. buried  
 April 5. Eze: Capen's Child buried  
 May 29. Lieu<sup>t</sup> Tisdal † buried  
 June 11 Eb<sup>r</sup>. Lovel was buried  
 Sep<sup>r</sup>. 4. M<sup>rs</sup>. Bird wife of Oliver Bird Buried. —  
 October 10. Gilead Morses Wife buried

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#### *Marriages*

Feb<sup>r</sup>. 3. Married Jabez Eaton & Mary Hixson.  
 Feb<sup>r</sup>. 10. Married Joseph White & Lydia Johnson  
 All back Returned  
 March 3. Married Eliphalet Morse & Marcy Gilbert  
 April 5. Married Joshua Whittemore Jun<sup>r</sup>. & Louis ‡ Morse. —  
 June 30. Married Seth Fisher & Hannah Hewins  
 July 18 Married Nathaniel Billing & Miriam Bullard & Levi White  
 & Mella Capen  
 Sep<sup>r</sup>. 29. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Holms<sup>Jur.</sup> & Susannah Hewins. Married.  
 Oct: 24. Married. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Fisher & Lucey Ballard.  
 27. Benj<sup>n</sup>. Ide & Mary Kollock. —

#### *Add: into Chh.*

June 12<sup>th</sup> Add: Ruth Esty. —  
 July 17. Add: Mary Clark wife of Thomas Clark

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For the Year [1786]

#### *Baptisms*

Born 15<sup>th</sup> day Aprill 30. J<sup>r</sup>. Philip Curtis's Child Philip. & Solomon  
 Gilbert Child Nancy  
 July 9. Silvanus Clark Child Elijah.

\* Town Records: Reupeke, Betsey.

† Perhaps Ebenezer Tisdale, Capt. Stoughtonham Co. Apr. 19, 1775.

‡ Town Records: Lois.

October 8 Job Swift Child. David.  
Octo<sup>r</sup>. 29. Joseph Hewins Child Frances  
Billings & Jng<sup>m</sup>. child<sup>n</sup>. died of Throat Distemper

#### *Deaths*

Jan<sup>y</sup>. 5. Sam<sup>l</sup>: Billings Child buried. Male  
Jan<sup>y</sup> 24. J<sup>o</sup>. Ingraham child. 8 m<sup>o</sup>. Male.  
Jany. 24. Wid: Everet of Rhumatism between 75 & 80 Age  
Jany 25. D<sup>n</sup>. Joseph Hewins. 85. Age. of Cancer  
Feb<sup>y</sup>. 19. Mat: Harlow Child died of Th: Dis<sup>r</sup>. 5 years old female  
March 5. M<sup>rs</sup>. Richard 75. old, died of Complicated Disease. —  
March 22 Job Esty's Child<sup>n</sup>. died. Ruth 2 years old, by worms, &  
23<sup>d</sup> Ebenezer by Throat Distemper 1 year old.  
March. 31. Mrs Johnson 80 years old. died  
Lem. Capen. Child Aug<sup>t</sup> female 1 year old 19 died of Quincy  
Aug<sup>t</sup>. 23. Wid: Clark died <sup>in</sup> 46 year of her Age of Jaundice &  
Scurvy.  
Aug: 30. M<sup>rs</sup>. Wood, 70 years She died of Astma.  
October 19. Sam<sup>l</sup>: Holmes J<sup>r</sup>. Child girl 1-2 year old, Died with  
worms  
Nov: 12. Benj<sup>n</sup>. Savel Jun<sup>r</sup>. 23 age died of Nervous fever

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#### *Marriages*

March 16. Married Jsaac Johson Jun<sup>r</sup>. & Olive Hixson \*. And Oliver  
Bullard & Abigail Gay.  
June 1. Married William Dean & Abigail Harlow  
July 27. Married Sam<sup>l</sup>. Waters & Sarah Richards  
August 8<sup>th</sup>. Married Luther Thomson & Beulah White  
Nov<sup>r</sup>. 2. Married Nathaniel Bradshaw & Mehetabel Hewins  
Nov<sup>r</sup>. 16. Married Thompson Maxfield † Judith Johnson.  
Nov<sup>r</sup>. 27. Married Jsaac Felch & Rachel. Brown

#### *Add<sup>d</sup>. to Chh;*

March 12. Add: Philip Curtis & his Wife.  
December 3 Add. Unity Johnson.

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For the Year [1787]

#### *Baptisms*

January 28. Joseph Randall's Child Benj<sup>n</sup>.  
April 8. W<sup>m</sup>. Toleman Child. Betsy. & John Repueke Child. Hannah  
April 21. Elij<sup>h</sup>. Iohnson Children. Unity, Elijah & Jossee. ———  
May 27. Cap<sup>t</sup>. Elijah Billing's Children Hannah, Betsy, Esther, Cloe.  
& Unice- Bowdoin.  
Joses Hill Child. Bettee.  
Sam<sup>l</sup>: Billings Jun<sup>r</sup>. Child. Ruth. —  
June 24. Sol: Gilbert Twins. Moses & Aaron.  
Aug<sup>t</sup>. 5. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Clark Child- Susee- —  
Sep<sup>r</sup>. 9. Jer: Richards Child Zibiah

\* Written over Esty, which has been crossed out.

† Town Records: Maxwell.

December 2<sup>d</sup>. Asa Clark Son Asa. & Eben<sup>r</sup>. Richards Son. Joel

### *Deaths*

January 7<sup>th</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup>. Capen buried.  
Jan<sup>y</sup>. 17 D<sup>n</sup>. Bird was buried. —  
Feb<sup>y</sup>. 12. Elijah Capen wife was buried. —  
Aprill 3. Ezra Gould Child was buried.  
May 18. Sam<sup>l</sup>: Capen wife was buried. —  
June 18. D<sup>n</sup>. Iacob Hewins Wife buried  
Nov<sup>r</sup>. 20. Oliver Bird Child buried.  
Decem<sup>r</sup>. 20. Nathaniel Billings Child Buried. —

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### *Marriages*

March 8.<sup>th</sup>. John Richards & Mary Bird. Married.  
All back returned to the Clerk  
April 26. Married Gilead Morse & Mary Fisher &  
Obed Johnson & Lucy Holmes.  
June 14. Married Oliver Bird & Eunice Drake. —  
Sep<sup>r</sup>. 9. Married Cyrus Drake & Mehitabel Mc.Mullen.  
Nov<sup>r</sup>. 11. Married Atherton Belcher & Abigail Morse

### *Add: into Chh:*

Aprill 14. Add: Huldah Billings wife of Capt. Eli<sup>h</sup>. Billings  
Sep<sup>r</sup>. 23. Add: Mary Hill, wife of Joses Hill

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For the Year [1788]

### *Baptisms*

Jan<sup>y</sup>. 13. D<sup>n</sup>. Oliver Everetts Child, Elisabeth.  
March 10 My son Philip's Child. Thomas.  
March 16. Eli<sup>j</sup>: Johnson Child. Sophia  
Aprill 27. Col: Ezra Morse Child Name Hartford.  
Elijah Baker's Iohn.  
Joshua Whittemore Jun<sup>r</sup>. Joshua & Lois.  
Aug<sup>t</sup>. 10. Jo. Cumings Joseph & Oliver  
Oct<sup>r</sup>. 12 Widow Lovel's Children. Cyrus & Eben<sup>r</sup>. Mary & Zilphe. —  
Job Swift's Child Asa.

### *Deaths*

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March 14. Eleanor Coney buried.  
April 19. M<sup>r</sup>. Eaton Child  
July 9. Solomon Gilbert Child. —  
Dr. 6. D<sup>h</sup>. Richard Jun<sup>r</sup>. Child buried.

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### *Marriages*

Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1 Elijah Fisher & Susannah Hixson —  
Feb 10. Ebenezer Harlow & Mary Johnson

\* The marriage of Elijah Fisher & Susannah Hixson was entered here and crossed out.

## All Back Returned

Nov<sup>r</sup>. 6. Aaron Fisher & Elisabeth Esty. —

### *Add<sup>d</sup>. into Chh.*

April 20. Ad: into Chh: Joshua Whittemore & his Wife.

Mehitable Cumings Add: into Chh. May about 18<sup>th</sup>. day

Aug<sup>t</sup>. 17. Admitted into Chh: Zilphe Lovill Widow- —

Oct<sup>r</sup>. 12. Admitted into Chh: Anna Leonard & Elisabeth Richards.

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For the Year. [1789]

### *Baptisms*

April 19. Sam<sup>l</sup>: Bird's Child Hannah

May 24. Jos: Cumings Child Sallee.

June 21. Sol: Gilbert Child. Lucy. —

July 5. Wolley Leonard Child<sup>n</sup>. Baptised- Viz Anna. Hittee, William & Unice —

Aug<sup>t</sup>. 16. Cap<sup>t</sup>. William Billing Child. Hitte

### *Deaths*

Aug<sup>t</sup>. 11. Joshua Johnson buried.

De: 19. Lieu<sup>t</sup> Benj. Billing wife buried

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### *Marriages*

March 14. Married John Rhodes & Molley Haden.

April 16. Married Andrew Capen & Hannah Richards

May 22. Married Elijah Capen & Massah Johnson. —

Sep<sup>r</sup>. 24. Married Jsrael Smith & Zipperow Bullard

All Back Returned to the Clerk.

### *Add: into Chh:*

Jan<sup>y</sup>. 11. Admitted into the Chh: Mary & Hannah Richards. —

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For the Year [1790]

### *Baptism*

Jan<sup>y</sup>. 4<sup>th</sup> Joshua Whittemore Child Baptised Name Jessee

June 28. Jeremiah Richards Child. Hannah

July 11. Wol: Leonard Child Iohn.

Iuly 25. Lemuel Capen Child Jessee.

Aug<sup>t</sup>. 1. Job Swifts Child Susannah &

Tho<sup>s</sup>. Clark's Child, Molley

Oliver Everet Child Joseph Sep<sup>r</sup>. 19. —

Oct<sup>r</sup>. 3. Enoch Hewins Child Whiting.

Oct<sup>r</sup>. 17. Eben<sup>r</sup>. Holms Child Nathaniel.

Baptised 841. Since my Settlement

### *Deaths*

Jan<sup>y</sup>. 27. Caleb Johnson Buried

Feb: 5. Tim. Billings wife buried. —

Feb: <sup>y</sup>. 16. Matthias Puffer's Wife buried.

March 13. D<sup>r</sup>. Smith<sup>s</sup> Child buried

March: 10. Wid: Allen<sup>s</sup>. Daugh<sup>r</sup>. buried.

March 16. William Woods, Wife buried

April. 1. Beriah Billings Son buried.  
 April 7. Jon: Billings Ju<sup>r</sup>. Child buried.  
 April 28. Luke Richards buried  
 May 9. M<sup>r</sup>. Maxfield's. Child buried  
 M<sup>r</sup>. Felch & M<sup>rs</sup>. Kingsbury  
 May 12. Fisher<sup>s</sup> Child.  
 May 13. M<sup>rs</sup>. Nock.  
 May 31. Jacob Esty.  
 June 2. Rebecah Hewins

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### *Marriages*

May. 18 Married Matthias Puffer & Bathsheba French.  
 Oct. 19. Married Ioshua Clap Esq. & Deborah Hewins  
 Oct: 20. Nat: Adams & Zebiah Kollock.  
 Oct. 21. Doctor Jerre Lyon & Mary Richards  
 All Back Returned to the Clerk

### *Deaths*

Aug<sup>t</sup>. 25. Dan<sup>l</sup>: Richards Wife  
 Nov. 1 Elisabeth Holms buried

### *Add into Chh:*

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For the Year [1791]

### *Baptisms*

April 10. Elijah Johnson Son. Marcus  
 May 1. My Son Philip<sup>s</sup> Son was Baptised. Willard  
 July 10. Wolly Leonard Child Lewis.  
 July 24. Joseph Cumings. Hitte  
 Aug<sup>t</sup>. 21. Thomas Glover Child, Sukee  
 Oct<sup>r</sup>. 2. Benj<sup>m</sup>. Hodges Child. Anna.

### *Deaths*

Jan<sup>y</sup>. 23 My Scipio Dyed.  
 Feb<sup>y</sup>. 13. J<sup>o</sup>. Hewins Daughter Lucy Dyed  
 March 11 P. Witherton Daughter buried  
 March 29. Jacob Fisher<sup>s</sup> Child buried  
 April 1. Joshua Whittemore buried  
 April 15. Cloe Payson's Child buried.  
 May Last. My Grand Son Willard Curtis was buried.  
 Oct<sup>r</sup>. 26. Isaac Johnson buried

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Decem<sup>r</sup>. 31. Mary Keith, Buried

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### *Marriages*

July 25. Married Amasa Hewins & Esther Kollock.  
 Aug<sup>t</sup>. 4. Married James Billings & Massa Hewins  
 Oct<sup>r</sup>. 27. Married Sam<sup>l</sup>. Holms Ju<sup>r</sup>. & Hannah Morse

### *Add. into Chh.*

\* The burial of Joshua Whittemore's wife, crossed out.

For the Year. 1792. —

*Baptisms*

Philip Curtis Ju<sup>r</sup>. Child Born April 5<sup>th</sup>. Obadiah  
 May 20<sup>th</sup> Solomon Gilbert. Child. John.  
 June 8<sup>th</sup> Josiah Talbots Children. Enoch Josiah. Susannah Hannah  
 & Betsy  
 July 22. Josiah Talbot Child Nathaniel  
 Sep<sup>r</sup>. 16. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Glover Son Thomas.  
 Sep<sup>r</sup>. 23. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Clark Tom & Etheredge  
 Oct<sup>r</sup>. 14 Elijah. Johnson's. Ansel.  
 Oct<sup>r</sup>. 28. Job Swift. Elisabeth & Jere<sup>h</sup>. Richard Joseph.

*Deaths*

[ \* ]

Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1. Joshua Whittemore wife Buried.  
 Jan<sup>y</sup>. 9 Beriah Billings Buried  
 Jan<sup>y</sup>. 25 Joshua Whittemore Child buried  
 April 9<sup>th</sup>. Jeacod † Clark wife buried  
 April 16. Ephraim Payson's wife Buried.  
 June 3 D<sup>n</sup>. Hill was buried.  
 Sep<sup>r</sup> 23 Philip Witherton was Buried  
 Nov<sup>r</sup>. 22 Jacob Fisher's wife & Child buried

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*Marriages*

April 24 Married Enoch Hewins J<sup>r</sup>. & Hannah Kingsbury  
 July 18. Married. Ebenezer Alger & Mary Capen  
 July 23. Married Nathaniel Gould & Elisabeth Kollock.  
 August 30. Married Lemuel Esty & Hannah Belcher  
 Oct<sup>r</sup> 30 ‡ Married Iohn Morse & Lucy Fisher.  
 Oct<sup>r</sup>. 31. Married Benj<sup>n</sup>. Harlow & Ruth Brown  
 Nov. 6. Married Leonard Billing & Lucy Morse  
 Nov<sup>r</sup>. 11 Married Barzillai Fuller & Betsey Tisdall. & Nov<sup>r</sup>. 18. Dr.  
 Sam<sup>l</sup> Capen & Sally Savel  
 Nov. 28. Joh Coney & Susannah Comings  
 Nov. 29. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Shepherd & Betsey Richards

*Ad: into Chh*

June § 3. Adm<sup>d</sup>. The wife of Josiah Talbot  
 October 14. Ad: Hannah Witherton  
 & Rebecca Witherton

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For the Year [1793]

*Baptisms*

June 27. Ezra Goulds Children. Nancy. Luke. Hannah. & Ezra  
 Aug<sup>t</sup>. 11. Nat<sup>l</sup>. Bradshaw Child Levi

\* Marriages, crossed out.

† Town Records: Ichabod.

‡ Changed from 29.

§ Written over May.

Aug<sup>t</sup>. 31. My Son Philip<sup>s</sup> Child was Born & Baptised Sep<sup>r</sup>. 22. Alford.

*Deaths*

Feb<sup>y</sup>. 5. Matthew Harlow Child Buried.

March 8. Ephraim Payson Buried.

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*Marriages*

April 2. Married. Joshua Whittemore & Ruth Johnson.

All Back Returned to Town Clerk

De<sup>r</sup>. 15. Marrid Eben<sup>r</sup>. Fuller. & Esther Johnson.

*Ad: into Chh.*

June 23 Lois Gould.

Nov: 10 Susanna Richards

Nov<sup>r</sup>. 24. Add: Eben<sup>r</sup>. Witherton, Without A Relation

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For the Year [1794]

*Baptisms*

May 4<sup>th</sup>. Benj<sup>n</sup>. Fairbank Children. Benj<sup>n</sup> & Sophia

June 1 Edward Everits Children. Leonard. Hannah. Nabby & Betsy.

June 8 Iabez Richard's Benjamin

June 22. Sol: Gilbert Child. Frank-

Sep<sup>r</sup>. 6. W. Leonard. Sukey. Sep<sup>r</sup>. 13. Ben. Hodges. James.

Oct. 12. D<sup>r</sup>. Capen Child Esther.

Nov. 2 Ezra Gould Child. Jesture †

Nov: 23. Jer: Richards Achsa.

*Deaths*

Feb<sup>y</sup>. Anna Tisdal. & Sol<sup>n</sup>. Gay's Child

April 18. Dr. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Hewins Buried.

May 14. Mary Payson Buried

July. Deacon Everet Child was buried

Also. Caleb Johnson Child.

Nov: 22. Asa Harlow Child

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*Marriages*

March 18 Married Zebulon Waters & Zilpha Lovel.

April 6<sup>th</sup> Married, David Johnson & Ierusha Buck.

Nov: 6. Married. Benj. Rynolds & Hannah Everet

Nov<sup>r</sup>. 27. Married Pompy Allen & Annis. Ring

Dr. 3 Married Jacob Fisher & Elisabeth Brooks & Peter Thayer & Unity Hixson

*Add. into Chh*

Feb<sup>y</sup>. 23. Add<sup>d</sup>. Benj<sup>n</sup>. Fairbanks & his Wife. And Jeremiah Fairbanks & his Wife

\* Here the record of Feb. 23, 1794 was entered and crossed out.

† Town Records: Chester.

March 2. Edward Everet's Wife. —  
Sep<sup>r</sup>. 13. Ad: D<sup>r</sup>. Capen<sup>s</sup>. Wife

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For the Year [1795]

*Baptisms*

May 10. Josiah Talbot Child. Lucee  
July 19. Natha<sup>l</sup>. Bradshaw Child. Jessee. & D<sup>r</sup>. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Capen<sup>s</sup> Child  
Elisabeth.  
Sep<sup>r</sup>. 16. Nathan Drake's Children Nathan. Lucy. Esther. Jane.  
William Toleman Child. Joel.

*Deaths*

May 14. M<sup>r</sup>. Josiah Talbot Lucee buried  
June 26. D: Hewins wife Buried.  
June 29. Melzur Drake Child Buried  
July 17. Ruben Clap. Buried  
July 24. William Witherton Wife Buried. —

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*Marriages*

Feb. 11. Noah Barden & Sarah Bullard.  
March 10th Ioel Bullard & Charlotte Billings  
All Back Sent to the Town Clerk  
July 2. Thomas Kollock & Abigail Fairbanks  
Aug<sup>t</sup>. 2. Zelotas Thrasher, & Mary Hixson.  
Octo: 4. John Savel & Anna Hewins  
Ot<sup>r</sup>: 7. Nat: Witherton & Zilpah Hixson  
Ot<sup>r</sup>. 8. Elijah Briggs & Susannah. Richards.  
De<sup>r</sup>: 31. Francis Curtis & Mary Billing

[ \* ]

Oct. 18. Enock<sup>b</sup> Tolbot & Catherine Rynolds  
Nov 8 Nat: Leonard & Susannah Savel  
No. 19. Willis Alger & Sukee Capen

*Add into Chh.*

July 19. Add: Nathan Drake & his Wife; Jane Drake.  
Nov: 15. Add: Hannah Esty.

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For the : Year [1796] †

*Baptisms*

Feb<sup>s</sup>, 7 Joshua Whittemore Child Name Hannah.  
May 15 Lem: Esty<sup>s</sup>. Children Olive & Hannah  
May 19. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Holms I<sup>ur</sup>. Child<sup>a</sup>. Oliver, Otis & Hannah.  
July 3. Elijah Baker Child Salle.  
June 19 ‡ Nathan Drakes Child Jeremiah  
July 17. Wol: Leonard Iessee. Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Homs <sup>Jr</sup>. Amos. Jer<sup>b</sup>: Fuller  
Jeremiah Aug<sup>t</sup>. 28. Jere: Richards Francis.

\* Marriages, erased.

† 1796, erased.

‡ Written over (or under) 12.



*Bap<sup>d</sup>.*

Sep<sup>r</sup>. 4. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Clark Marquis

*Deaths*

March 23 Ezra Gould Child buried Also. The Child Lived, with Tho<sup>s</sup>. Coney

April. 2<sup>d</sup>. Benj<sup>n</sup>. Johnson Child buried.

April 17 Widow Harlow Child Buried

Another of her Children Buried April 20.

July 12. Jos<sup>h</sup>. Cumings Child Buried.

Another of his Children buried

Sep<sup>r</sup>. 4. Tho: Kollock Child buried.

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*Marriages*

Jan<sup>y</sup>. 7. Eben<sup>r</sup> Fisher. & Nancy Morse. —

April 25. My Son Calvin was Married

Aprill 26. Joseph Billings & Sible Kingsbury

April. 27. Nat<sup>l</sup>. Morse Rebecca. Fisher

All Back Returned to the Clerk

July 24. Oliver Shepherd & Susanah Baker

Decem: 15 Jncrease Hewins & Sarah Toleman.

*Add into Chh.*

March 6 Add: Hannah Holms. Wife of Sam<sup>l</sup>. Holms

July. 3. Add: Widow Keziah Drake & her Daughter Fuller.

Aug<sup>t</sup>. 14 Add: Zipporah Smith:

No. 13. Abigail Kollock Add:

*Buried. —*

Nov: Lem: Esty Child

[Nov: 9. Francis Curtis Child Buried] \*

& 13. Obid Johnson's.

[& 16. Frank's Wife Buried.] \*

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*Baptisms*

Sep<sup>r</sup>. 8. 1796 Jsell Smith Jr. Child<sup>n</sup>. Ellis. Jrena. Zibble, Jane & Levi.

1796. Solomon Gilbert<sup>s</sup> Levi.

*Deaths*

Sep<sup>r</sup>. 18. 1796 Hannah Witherton Buried

Oct. 3. 1796 M<sup>rs</sup> Shephard Buried

Melzar Drak Child Buried. Sep: 30. 1796.

Oct: 8. 1796 Philip Witherton was buried

Nov. 30. 1796 Widow Coney was Buried

Nov: 13. 1796 Francis Curtis's Wife & Child Died-

December 26 1796. Philip Curtis Child Obadiah was buried

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*Marriages †*

*Add: into Chh. †*

\* These items have been crossed out—they are entered later.

† No entries on this page.

## For the Year. [1797]

*Baptisms*

Feb<sup>y</sup>. 5 Eben<sup>r</sup> Holms Child Ruthe  
 April 23 Zelotes Thresher; Richard & Js: Smith. Jr. Name Molley  
 May 4. Nat. Bradshaw's Child Eunice  
 May 7. Jo: Cuming<sup>s</sup> Child Otis  
 May 22 Leonard Billings Children Leonard Joel & Chester. & Wid:  
 Payson's grand Daugh<sup>h</sup> ter Polly.  
 June 25 Jeremiah Fairbanks Child Unity.  
 Dr. Capen Child Sally.

*Deaths*

March 6<sup>th</sup> Widow Harlow Son  
 March 12. John Coney Buried  
 June 19 M<sup>r</sup>. Wil. Richard Died  
 June 22. Hittee Leonard Died Daugh<sup>r</sup>. of Woll: Leonard  
**November ye 22 Died the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup>. Curtis-\***  
 Baptism Aug<sup>t</sup> 27. Tho. Glover Child Elijah\*  
 Thomas Kollock Child \*

*Marriag.*

Jan<sup>y</sup>: 19 Benj<sup>n</sup>. Richards & Ruthe Billings  
 Jan<sup>y</sup>. 25 Eben<sup>r</sup>. Brown & Hannah Billings  
 All Back Returned to the Clerk  
 April 27. Lewis Fisher & Polly Randal  
 May 11. John Randal & Prudee Clark  
 May 18. Sam Swift & Anna Hewins  
 Total Married Three Hundred & thirteen pair †

*Ad: into Chh.*

March 12 Leonard Billings & his wife & Mary Thresher.

## For the Year [1798]

*Baptisms*

Benja<sup>n</sup>. Richd<sup>s</sup>. Jrs. Child polly  
 Philip Curtis Child Nabby may ye 14  
 Samuel Holms Jr. Child Hannah  
 Lemuel Estey Child Lemuel  
 Josiah Taulburt Child Warren  
 Woll Leonard- Child George  
 Samuel Capen Child Sarah

*Death*

Mrs Whitmore  
 Mr. Hodges  
 Mr. Solomon gilbirt  
 Silence Howard-  
 Joshua Johnson- Child Died

\* These items are by another hand.

† By another hand.

*Marriag*

*Ad: into Chh.*

Catarine Clarck aded into the Chh

Benjamin Richards <sup>Jr.</sup> & wife aded to the Church. —

Total Added into the Church two hundred & Sixty-four

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The Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mr. Philip Curtis was Ordained over the second church in Stoughton in January 1742, and died Nov. 22<sup>d</sup>. 1797 in the 81 Year of his age and 56 Year of his Ministry.

During which time he Baptized \_\_\_\_\_ 926

Married in the Same time \_\_\_\_\_ 313 pr

Died in the Same time \_\_\_\_\_ 403

Added to Church in the time \_\_\_\_\_ 264

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March ye 11 1823 Elizabeth Curtis Dec'd age — 91

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[Record of the Family of Rev. Philip Curtis.]

An Account of Severall Events that have befallen me. & my family

1. J was born \* October 4<sup>th</sup>. 1717. —
2. J was Admitted into Harvard College July 1734. And took my Degree in the Year 1738.
3. J preached my first Sermon at the 2<sup>d</sup>. chh in Stoughton † in the month May 1741. & was ordained to the work of the ministry there January 13<sup>th</sup>. 1741. 2
4. J was married September 6<sup>th</sup>. 1744.
5. My wife ‡ born May 5. 1721. —
6. My first child, Samuel by name was born, May 11<sup>th</sup>. 1746. — & died January 22 following. 1746. 7
7. My Second child. Samuell by name was born September 1<sup>th</sup>. 1747.
8. My Third child, Hannah by name was born November. 21. 1748. —
9. My fourth child Elizabeth by name, was born, August 14 1750.
10. My Twins, Mary & Susannah, were born May 4. 1752. —

In Roxbury, Mass., the son of Samuel Curtis and Hannah Gore.

† Later Stoughtonham, now Sharon.

‡ Eliza Bass of Newburyport.

11. My wife dyed May 29. 1752.
  12. Tis my mind & will, that the Apparell & house furniture of my first wife, be owned & injoyed by the children which J had by her.
- [2]
13. J was married the 2<sup>d</sup>. time October, 31. 1754. My Consort \* born November 14. 1731.
  14. My Son Philip was born August 8<sup>th</sup>. 1755.
  15. My Son Oliver was born January 26. 1757.
  16. My Son Edward was born November 28, 1758. —
  17. My Son Calvin was born August 26. 1762. —
  18. My Son Francis was born Sep<sup>r</sup>. 26. 1768
  19. My Daughter Elisabeth was Married to Cap<sup>t</sup>. Nat: Curtis. December. 5. 1770. —
  20. My Daughter Mary was married to George Fergusson December 15. 1774
  21. My Daughter Susannah was married to Daniel Coney Nov. 14. 1776.
  22. My Daughter Hannah was Married to James Porter November 9. 1777

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[An Account of my Fathers Family †]

- 23<sup>d</sup> My Daughter Elizabeth Dyed march - 1794 —
- 24<sup>th</sup>- November 22 - 1797 Died the Rev<sup>d</sup>- M<sup>r</sup> Curtis —
- 25 His Daughter Hannah Died December- 1805
- 26 [His Son Ed ‡] His Son Edward Died 27 March 1807 —

\* Elizabeth Randall of Sharon.

‡ This has been ruled out. It is written by a second hand, and the remaining items by a third.

† This has been partially erased — it was begun where a fold is in the leaf.

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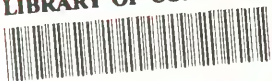








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